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## MARCONI POSTER

### SOUTH DENY PLAYER UNREST



By Bert van den Bergh

**S**outh Melbourne general manager Damien Phillips denied there was any player unrest regarding their share of the money to be earned from the club's involvement in the World Club Championship in Brazil next year.

South Melbourne stands to gain \$3.8 million from the championship and the players are wanting a fair share of it.

They are believed to have been offered \$400,000 and some of the senior players were unhappy about it.

But Phillips said negotiations had been settled last week to the satisfaction of both parties, club and players.

"We finalised the negotiations last Thursday. The club and the players have come to an agreement what they're going to get," Phillips said.

"Obviously we came from two ends, but we met at a certain point. It was all handled very well by both parties. There's no problem at all. We solved it quickly and amicably."

"We won't discuss the figure we've decided on, but we met in the middle."

The players and the committee members agreed on a figure. There's no player unrest at all. There's been no disharmony at all," he said.

## DO OR DIE FOR POWER

By John Economos

**D**AVID MITCHELL, Parramatta Power's head coach, is at his wits end as how to turn his newly formed team around and set them onto a steady winning streak.

This Friday night the Power again is at home at the Parramatta Stadium where they meet a most formidable opponent in the Perth Glory.

The Power is struggling to find an early winning form, having in their last six outings rattled up just one win plus three draws.

It was the same last Friday night when the Power were unluckily held to a 1-1 draw by a defiant Gippsland Falcons.

Mitchell last night stated to ABSW: "We battered the Falcons all night but the goals just wouldn't come

except one scored by our striker Joel Griffiths.

"We also had two other chances cleared off the line which has made it most frustrating for us."

Although the Power have no problems with injuries, failure to hit top form has Mitchell more than just perplexed.

"Perth is a very attacking side and there's sure to be goals on Friday night at the Parramatta Stadium. We just hope they will all be Power goals though," Mitchell said.

And as far as goals go, the Perth Glory have heaps of 'firing power' in Bobby Despotovski, Con Boutsianis and Alistair Edwards.

Last Sunday however, although the brilliant Despotovski scored his third goal of the season, it wasn't enough to stave off defeat at the hands of John Kosmina's unbeaten Brisbane Strikers at Perth Oval.

Compounding Mitchell's worries for Friday night's clash is that he will have to battle a wounded Perth Glory without the sterling services of two of his form players.

Lethal striker Mile Sterjovski and robust midfielder Jacob Burns were both called up for national duty and drafted into Raul Blanco's Olympic training camp yesterday (Monday).

The Power are expected to be without these two valuable players until after November 20th.

Sterjovski and Burns are in the Australian Olympic squad's camp in preparation for the coming tour of Tunisia as Blanco's Olympic team has been scheduled to play two matches against the African country on November 8th and again on the 18th.

On standby Mitchell has back up striker, the powerful Jon Angelucci who is almost certain to now link up with Joel Griffiths and spearhead the Power's attack.

The ball playing and mobile midfielder Walter Ardone is also expected to be rushed into the first team line up to fill the vacancy left behind by Burns.

The talented Ardone had previously missed match-

es through suspension, but last Friday night although cleared to play, wasn't in the Power's starting line up against the Gippsland Falcons.

The frustrated Mitchell who lately has shuffled around his defence in a desperate bid to plug up a leaky backline that to date has conceded 11 goals, was last Friday night most pleased with the experienced Davie Barrett.

A former NSW State right sided defender, Barrett last Friday was moved by Mitchell infield into a central defensive role where the schoolteacher excelled against the Falcons.

Another player expected to come into the side to galvanise the Power's defence is left back Peter Bennett. The courageous Bennett should be back in the team after serving a suspension for a red card in the match against the Brisbane Strikers.



David Barrett: Switched to central defender.



David Mitchell: Trying to get his team out of a slump.



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# ARNOLD TO SWING AXE

Coach Graham Arnold has promised changes to his star-studded side after Northern Spirit fell 3-0 to Wollongong at Brandon Park on Sunday night.

The Spirit boss warned several players that he had sharpened the selection guillotine leading into the Wollongong match and warned he was ready to let it fly this week as Northern Spirit faces the first of four grudge matches this season against Marconi.

Despite the 3-0 loss, it was two defenders who could hold their heads high with

20 year old Jack Sobczyk and captain Luke Casserly toiling for 90 minutes against a Wollongong attack that streamed through an ineffective Northern Spirit midfield.

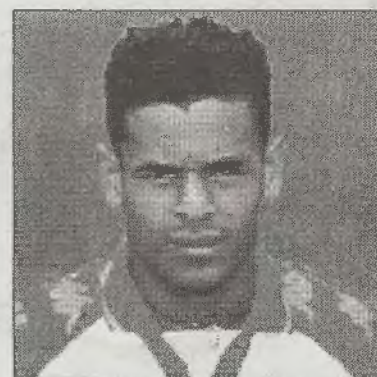
As has been the case in previous weeks, Northern Spirit failed to take good training work onto the pitch and Arnold has warned some players used their last chance.

"I can assure you there will be a few younger players in the squad next week," Arnold said. "I have been very patient — over patient with some of the name play-

ers — and I may have given them too many chances to get us out of the hole.

"I was sure they would come to the fore and start us on our winning way but it has not happened so the time has come to try something different. Young Jack (Sobczyk) and Tony Faria did well and there will be a few more young blokes in there next week."

Northern Spirit travels to Marconi Stadium on Saturday night to take on Marconi before returning to North Sydney Oval on November 19 to play the Auckland Kingz.



Tony Faria: Spirit young gun

## ANSETT AUSTRALIA SUMMER SERIES

By Janene Mar

NSW Sapphires and SASI Pirates have assured themselves of a place in this season's grandfinal after wins last weekend, unable to be caught on the points ladder with one round still remaining.

The right to host the grandfinal will be decided when the two face each other in Sydney next weekend, NSW Sapphires currently ahead by one point.

The 20 November finale will be SASI's fourth grandfinal appearance, the South Australians having made every championship match since the league's inception in 1996/97.

ROUND 9 (November 7)

SASI 2 (Sharon Black 15, Jessica Halfpenny 38) defeated NORTHERN NSW 1 (Julie King 13)

NSW SAPPHIRES 5 (Julie Murray 28, 42, 47, 55, 71) defeated VICTORIA VISION 0

QAS STING 5 (own goal 9, Belinda Dawney 32, 36, 78, Olivia Hohnke 54) defeated ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE 1 (Dior Foxhill 31)

ROUND 8

November 5)

QAS STING 1 (Belinda Dawney 54) drew with SASI PIRATES 1 (Sharon

Black 3)

NORTHERN NSW PRIDE 7 (Cheryl Salisbury 11, Sunni Hughes 23, 46, 57, 60, Alison Forman 31, Tracy Baker 89) defeated VICTORIA VISION 0

NSW SAPPHIRES 2 (Joanne Burgess 31, Alicia Cavanagh 85) drew with ACTAS CANBERRA ECLIPSE 2 (Kim Channing 20, Sacha Wainwright 54)

### TOP GOALSCORERS

6 - J Murray (NSW), B DAWNEY (QAS),  
5 - S Hughes (NNSW),  
4 - H Garriock (NSW), J Burgess (NSW), S Black (SASI), D Foxhill (ACT)

### TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
NSW	9	6	2	1	23	8	15	20
SASI	9	5	4	-	13	5	8	19
QAS	9	4	3	2	18	8	10	15
NNSW	9	3	2	4	18	16	2	11
ACTAS	9	2	1	6	14	27	-13	7
VICTORIA	9	-	2	7	5	27	-22	2

	Adelaide Force	Auckland Kingz	Brisbane	Canberra	Carlton	Gippsland	Marconi	Melbourne K	Newcastle	Northern Spirit	Parramatta	Perth Glory	Sth Melbourne	Sydney Olympic	Sydney United	Wollongong
Adelaide Force	X	9 13	20	15	0-0	32	19	34	18 26	30	2-1	22	7	28	24	11
Auckland Kingz	27 31	X	33	14	0-3	10	29	12	22	26	16	18	1-0	24	20	3-3 7
Brisbane Strikers	2-1	19	X	21	7	11 34	17	15	28	2-2 32	3-1	24	9	30	26	13
Canberra Cosmos	3-0	32	0-1	X	24 28	19	34	18	9	13	22	1-1	26	0-1 11	7	30
Carlton	23	15	25	2-0 10	X	1-1	21	2-1	13	17	8	27	30 32	19	11	34
Gippsland Falcons	14	28	16 29	33	20	X	12	31	1-0	9	18 24	0-1	22	7	1-1	26
Marconi Stallions	33	11	18	16	0-4	30	X	14	24	7 28	15	20 31	2-0	26	22	9
Melbourne Knights	16	30	0-1	17	22	13	32	X	7	11	20	0-3 26	24	9	1-0 33	28
Newcastle Breakers	8 17	1-1	10	27	31	23	2-3	25	X	21	29	12	16 33	15	14	2-2
Northern Spirit	12	8	14 22	31	18	27	25 10	10 29	0-2	X	33	16	20	0-1	15	24
Parramatta Power	21	34	23	2-3	26	1-1 17	1-1	2-1	11	19	X	7	28	13	9 30	32
Perth Glory	0-0	17	1-2	23	9	15	3-3 13	8 21	30	34	25	X	11	32	28	19
South Melbourne	25	21	27	8	12 14	3-0	23	3-0	19 34	2-0	29	10	X	17	31	15
Sydney Olympic	10	1-2	12	20 29	33	25	8	27	2-2	23	31	14	18	X	34	1-1 21
Sydney United	1-0	2-1	8	25	29	21	1-2	19 23	32	0-2	12 27	10	13	16	X	18
Wollongong Wolves	29	23 25	31	12	16	8	27	10	20	3-0	14	33	2-1	0-4 22	17	X

Numbers indicate which round the match will be played in. Home teams listed vertically.



# CAHILL'S MYSTERIOUS WITHDRAWAL

By Stuart Jones

**T**his last week, a press release came out from Soccer Australia announcing that Tim Cahill had withdrawn from the Olyroo squad to play against Tunisia this week.

But as exclusively revealed on "The Soccer Club" (98.5FM Sunday 10pm) this was simply not the case.

Neither the player, nor Millwall Football Club had anything to do with him "withdrawing".

It was a Soccer Australia official who withdrew Cahill, due to his eligibility problems because of a match he played for Tonga as a young teenager.

Legal opinion is being sought by Millwall FC to

check if the press release infers that it was Millwall who pulled Cahill out of the Olyroo squad.

If that is the case, then Millwall FC will certainly be considering legal action against Soccer Australia.

As for Cahill, last week he was being praised in the Australian press for choosing Australia over England and Ireland.

Soccer Australia sent out a press release with his name in the squad and the player was on top of the world. Now the player is devastated at having his dream of international football dashed once more.

The question has to be asked why was he picked if Soccer Australia was going to withdraw him?

Obviously he needed to be picked to show FIFA that Australia wanted the lad but why give it such a short space of time to sort out his eligibility problems? Why book his plane tickets if there was little

chance of the problems being fixed in time?

Cahill's lawyers in London have all the documentation and all they wanted was a letter from Soccer Australia saying he was wanted. For now, the club wants to make it clear they did not withdraw Cahill from the squad but he was withdrawn by Soccer Australia.



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## BISKIC IS STILL SAFE, SAY KNIGHTS

By Bert van Bedaf

**M**ELBOURNE Knights general manager Robert Hrzic dismissed speculation of having discussed a replacement for embattled coach Joe Biskic.

"Obviously we were disappointed in the result, but it is business as usual," Hrzic said after the South loss.

"There may be some individuals at the club, who have taken it

upon themselves to talk to others, but their say carries no weight," he said.

It appears former coach Ian Dobson is staying with Green Gully and former player and assistant coach Alan Davidson will remain at Bulleen for his first season as a senior coach in Victoria.

The name most mentioned is former player and Biskic teammate Vlado Vanis, currently coaching at Preston.

But Hrzic was adamant no

talks had been held. "They are arguably the only three Victorian candidates, but the board has not approached any of these individuals," Hrzic said.

Meanwhile, the Knights are endeavouring to sign two visa-players from Croatia. "I can't tell you their names, but it's a striker and an attacking midfielder," Hrzic said.

Overseas negotiations to sign on England international Peter Beardsley for three guest appearances are also continuing.



Joe Biskic: safe for now.



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# The Good Oil ... The Good Oil ...

**BOBBY RUSSELL**, the former Sydney Croatia (1977 to 1980), South Melbourne and then Adelaide City's most durable and quality defender, recently returned to Australia after an absence of some seven years.

The most affable Russell, who to date is the only player to have won the NSL Gold Medal twice (1979 and 1986), has been all over the USA and even spent a year touring around Brazil.

Whilst in the USA, he coached a college team as well as being employed as a licensed builder.

Recently Russell purchased a small property in Coolumb on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, but has found the

considering to return to Los Angeles.



**Chad Gibson: Mandela is his hero.**

**CHAD GIBSON**, the 23 year old goalscoring defender, wears a T-Shirt emblazoned with a large picture of his political hero Nelson Mandela under his Marconi playing strip.

Twice so far this season Gibson has scored for Marconi.

And twice Chad has

Sportsground.

Rush's first guest appearance for Olympic will be against the Marconi Stallions on Sunday week (Nov 20th) with the second against Adelaide City on Sunday Dec 4th.

Olympic's coach Branko Culina expects Rush to arrive in Sydney a couple of days earlier to participate in two of Olympic's training sessions before the Marconi clash.



**Ian Crook: Back on the pitch for the Spirit.**

**IAN ('The Burglar') CROOK** the Northern Spirit's highly experienced sweeper or playmaker who three weeks ago announced his retirement, has been convinced by coach Graham Arnold to overturn his earlier decision.

Convinced, Crook played last Sunday at Brandon Park against the Wollongong Wolves.

"We need a leader on the pitch," stated Arnold last week.

"We need 'Crooky' who can direct the side around the park and he is the best man for this job," Arnold ended.

**DOUG MARCINA** knocked up his 'ton' of matches in the NSL last Friday night in the



**Doug Marcina: The Falcons' second NSL 'Centurion'.**

celebrated his joyous moments by lifting his Marconi shirt to reveal the face of the world's most famous black leader.

Gibson recently stated to 'Good Oil': "I'm so keen playing for Marconi, I would play in any position at all. - "Even goalkeeper if need be, just to be in the team."

**IAN RUSH**, the former Liverpool great will be a guest player for Sydney Olympic in two matches. Both matches have been rescheduled to be played on a Saturday night, instead of Olympic's normal Sunday at Belmore

*By John Economos*

Gippsland Falcons' away match in Sydney against the Parramatta Power.

Marcina has now become the second NSL 'centurion' with the Falcons, the first being giant Argentinian centre-back Claudio Canosa who had racked up no less than 132 games between 1992 and 1999.

**BRAZIL'S 'A'** team to play Spain later this week includes the powerful names of Ze Roberto, Emerson, Roberto Carlos, Amoroso, Elber, Cafu and the unbelievable Rivaldo, rated today by the 'real' experts' as the World's best player. With the exception of Ronaldo, Australians this Sunday will actually be seeing the 'Brazilian Olympic' team in action at Sydney's Olympic Stadium.

As 'Good Oil' had previously written, it was always going to be the Brazilian Olympic team, despite all the rubbish written and promotional advertising done, failing to emphasise deliberately, the TERM 'Olympic Team'.



**Adam Sanderson: Breakers' utility player, seriously injured.**

**ADAM SANDERSON**, the Newcastle Breakers' most valuable utility player, early last week suffered a horrific knee injury during a training session.

The Breakers' coach Lee Sterrey stated to 'Good Oil': "It was the worst injury I've seen in my life."

"Adam's knee cap just exploded."

Sanderson was taking part in a training game and was

involved in a tackle.

The seriously injured player was immediately rushed to the John Hunter Hospital by ambulance.

Local orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Peter Berton, later operated on the shattered knee cap in consultation with Sydney based Sports Physician Dr Neil Halpin.

**ZORAN MATIC**, Adelaide City's coach, in his long and distinguished coaching career has never experienced such enormous goalscoring headaches as he has in the first six rounds of the current League.



**Zoran Matic: Adelaide City's most concerned coach.**

In six matches to date, the 'Black & Whites' have scored a most miserly three goals whilst conceding seven.

In their last three matches, City has failed to hit the target once.

Such basic, but alarming statistics, have plunged the South Australians to third last on the League ladder, a territory the Club has not seen for many a year.

And things may possibly get even grimmer.

This Friday night Adelaide are at home to current League champions South Melbourne, who last Sunday slammed the Melbourne Knights 3-0 at the Bob Jane Stadium.

'Good Oil' knowing Matic's capacity to achieve extremely well, expects a sudden and dramatic change of events to explode in the very near future.

SBS TV next Monday at 7.30pm will screen a one

hour highlight of the Scotland vs England clash instead of its 'Premier League' programme.

It will be the first leg (Hampden Park-Scotland) of the Euro 2000 qualifier between these two traditional 'enemies' with the return leg to be played on November 17th (Wembley Stadium-London). The second leg will be screened in a two hour Special by SBS on Saturday November 20 in the time slot of 4.30pm.

These matches are 'knockouts' with the ultimate winner stepping into the Euro 2000 finals to be staged in Holland and Belgium.

**ROBBIE SLATER**, the Northern Spirit's skipper and striker, is back in light training after having ripped his calf muscle against the Brisbane Strikers three weeks ago in the thrilling



**Robbie Slater: Spirit's skipper back in 10 days.**

2-2 draw in Brisbane.

Slater seriously hopes he'll be back in time for the Spirit's home clash on Friday week, November 19th against the Auckland Kingz at North Sydney Oval.

Still on the Spirit, spare a Skind thought for attacking left midfielder Matthew Langdon recently.

The Sunday morning, immediately following the Spirit's 0-1 loss to Sydney Olympic, gaffer Graham Arnold fumingly ordered an unexpected 7.30am training session on Manly beach.

Langdon who lives in the



**Matthew Langdon: Left boot, but right attitude.**

outer western suburb of Sydney at Campbelltown had to get out of bed, would you believe at 4am and it was the first day of Daylight Saving.

With one hour already lost Matthew had to get up well before the 'chooks' to get himself ready, then drive right across Sydney to make it in time.

Despite his long pilgrimage, the 'left crosser' made it well in time, and more importantly despite his lack of 'zeds', Langdon led the pack in the gruelling session.

What you'd call Spirit's left sided player with a right sided attitude.

**WYNTON RUFER**, the Auckland Kingz' player coach, despite having over the years a sharp hawk's eye for goals, wears glasses.

What's even more surprising is this incredible living legend goal ace and former New Zealand World Cup star, has been wearing glasses since he was 14 at school.

For years having been a dynamic marksman and a high profile player in



**Wynton Rufer: Auckland Kingz Player/coach.**

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5.30pm	AA	A2	Cyprus vs Malta



**Sunday 14 November**

11.00am	U/16	C2	Uruguay vs Malta
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# The Good



New Zealand then across Europe for almost a decade, the now 36 year old Wynton is by nature an extremely placid person.

Somewhat strangely, Wynton has elected to only handle the 'home' after-match media conferences.

His 40 year old brother Shane, also a former Kiwi international, but a midfielder, stated to 'Good Oil' last Sunday in Sydney: "That's how we have chosen to handle the media."

"Wynton speaks to the media at all home matches whilst I do all the away games."

The Rufer brothers, both born and raised in New Zealand, also equally split the duties of coaching.

Wynton does most of the on-pitch work with the players whilst Shane is left to do most of the research and engineering of the Kingz' tactical strategies.

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**John Kosmina:**  
Former World Cup captain, again heroic.

JOHN KOSMINA, in contrast, is surprisingly travelling exceptional well, having his young Brisbane Strikers comfortably sitting in the unfamiliar lofty position of leading the entire National League ladder and still undefeated after six matches.

Kosmina's Strikers after most unexpectedly tossing last Sunday night the Perth Glory 1-2 at Perth Oval, lead the League by two clear points ahead of the cash rich Carlton.

Surely Kosmina, who has no money and no big star names in his squad, is doing something right.

The former Australian World Cup hero, captain and ace striker, for years carried Frank Arok's national team's attack virtually on his back and alone.

Never once did he complain as he repeatedly copped stick from tough defenders from all over the world.

As a player, the harder the task, the better Kosmina, a record goalscorer, heroically performed.

Now as a coach, things

By John Economos

are plenty tough for him in Brisbane.

Yet as was the case when he was a player, Kosmina still is defiant to complain as he valiantly fights on and delivers.

Things are extremely tough, (financially) in Queensland, but looking where Kosmina has his Brisbane side, you'd never know it.

In recent times having lost dynamic midfielders such as Kasey Werhman then Sean Cranney, it seemed Kosmina was going to plunge into turbulent waters.

However during the off season, and equipped without any bulging cheque book, Kosmina went on the hunt.

Quietly he dragged in a couple kids off the Gold Coast, enticed a couple of veteran strikers such as Paul Foster and Peter Dwyer to the Strikers, and today has the Queenslanders proudly leading the entire National League.

Ironically, both Dwyer and Foster nailed the target in Perth last Sunday night.

Two weeks ago, again Dwyer and Foster, plus 18 year old Peter Grierson scored against the Parramatta Power.

On Saturday night Kosmina takes on yet another very tough opponent and a highly fancied outfit to win this season's League championship, Carlton, at the Suncorp Stadium.

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**RAUL BLANCO,** Australia's 2000 Olympics coach, last week was forced to draft into his 20 man squad two new names to replace our 'Japanese Foreign Legionnaires', central defenders Hayden Foxe and Stephen Laybutt.

Both Foxe and Laybutt, who are currently playing in Japan's J-League, have been selected by Frank Farina for his Australian squad to do battle starting on Sunday afternoon against the touring Brazilian Olympic side in Sydney.

Blanco's Olympic squad



**Raul Blanco:** Three new players by Australia's Olympic coach.

went into camp yesterday, (Monday), in preparation for their coming tour to play two matches against Tunisia.

The new members in Australia's Olympic squad are the Melbourne Knights' defender Dragi Nastevski, replacing Laybutt, whilst Dundee United defender Raphael Bove comes in for sweeper Foxe.

Meanwhile due to concerns of eligibility of Millwall midfielder Tim Cahill, Blanco was also forced to cautiously make a third change, drafting in Burnley's midfielder Mark Robertson.

Our Olympic squad will play Tunisia on November 8th and 18th

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**Shane Rufer:** Auckland Kingz' Co-coach.

SOMETHING extremely strange occurred last Sunday night at Belmore Sports Ground just minutes before the kick off of Sydney Olympic vs the Auckland Kingz.

The Kingz' coach Wynton Rufer gave 'Good Oil' his line up which vividly showed Robbie Middleby slotted to play as an attacking right midfielder.

The official team sheet then came out to the media which also endorsed Middleby, listed as wearing Shirt No 11, and being in the starting line up.

But then when the Kingz XI tramped out onto the pitch, Middleby although he was in Shirt No 11, was nowhere to be seen on the pitch. Instead, at right midfield, was Chris Jackson who in fact started the match with Middleby going straight to sit on the bench.

Middleby in the 72nd minute eventually did come on as a substitute for striker Aaron Silva.

After the match, 'Good Oil' queried co-coach Shane Rufer about this very mysterious incident.

Far from attempting to be diplomatic or hurl down a defensive 'wrong-un', the older Rufer very cleanly and honestly, quickly came back with:

"Yes that did happen."

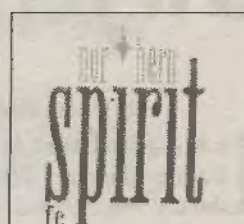
"And no, it was not a question of fitness."

"It was an internal thing which the Club will fix from within," the senior Rufer sternly stated.

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# NEW GOAL ACE IS NO ROOKIE

## Dwyer made NSL debut in 1987

By Glenn Davis

In his second stint in the national league Brisbane Strikers sharp-shooter Peter Dwyer is fast making a name for himself. Glasgow born Dwyer is no rookie at the age of 34 and has grabbed with both hands his second chance of cutting it in the national league.



Dwyer's first opportunity came after he scored a swag of goals in the Gold Coast league in 1986 and was approached to play with Brisbane Lions.

However, Dwyer lasted just one season with Brisbane Lions before he moved back to the Gold Coast to take up a coaching role at Musgrave SC when only 23.

He stayed on the Gold Coast until 1990 before he returned home to Scotland where he played with several Scottish clubs including Sterling Albion, Falkirk and East Stirlingshire.

However, it wasn't long before Dwyer, who had joined the Scottish police force, realised the opportunities in Australia were greater so he returned to the Gold Coast.

Dwyer was an instant hit playing with the Gamblers in the Brisbane premier league this year to such an extent

Strikers' coach John Kosmina had no hesitation calling him into the Strikers' squad despite being in the twilight of his career.

Dwyer has shown some of his versatility under Kosmina who has dropped the lanky left-footer back into midfield despite playing all his premier league season as a target man up front for the Gamblers.

Dwyer, who now is a member of the Queensland Police Force on the Gold Coast, enjoys a round of tennis and a good game of snooker whenever he gets a spare moment away from work and training.

According to Dwyer, one of his greatest achievements has been to convert girlfriend Jodie, to being a soccer fan.

Jodie had never been to a game before their meeting but now never misses a game.



Peter Dwyer: 34 year old goalscoring policeman.

## Scottish Influence is Everywhere

Australian & British Soccer Weekly contributor Roy Hay became the joint recipient of a \$71,000 grant to write a book on the history of Australian soccer. Victorian editor Bert van Bedaf takes a look at the Scottish influence.

FANS last month could have been forgiven for thinking they were in Scotland, cheering for Celtic and Rangers fighting out another Glaswegian derby.

In fact, they were at Olympic Park on a balmy Friday night, watching Carlton and Melbourne Knights do battle in the National Soccer League.

But the shirt colours were decidedly highlandish. Here was Carlton in a blue and white hue reminiscent of the Rangers shirt or even the Scotland jersey, while the visiting Knights wore the famous green-and-white hoops that carried Celtic to a European Champions Cup title in 1967.

The Knights at home also sport a vocal Jock Stein Supporters Club, comprising local Scottish supporters, named after the legendary manager that carried Celtic to their European trophy.

The Scottish influence on Australian soccer is formidable. For example, Australia's goal keeper at the 1974 World Cup, Jack Reilly, is Scottish born.

He also became the first chairman of Carlton Soccer Club, whose club song is based on the Celtic tune. Another 1974 Socceroo is Scottish pedigree Jimmy Rooney, whose name bears the medal awarded to the best player in the Victorian Premier League grand final.

As a Croatian-backed club, the Melbourne Knights have aligned themselves with the Catholic side of the Scottish and Irish communities in Melbourne in a bid to enhance their supporter base.

The added incentive of embracing the famous hoops is the fact that former Knights striker Mark Viduka now nets goals for Celtic.

Another Scottish exponent is Ken Murphy, who played for the Soccerroos against his country of birth in a World Cup qualifying match at Olympic Park in 1985. Murphy went on to coach the Melbourne Knights in the national league and currently coaches VPL club Fawkner.

At Carlton, the Scottish connection carries a major influence. Starting with Scottish forward Mike Conroy, a former St Mirren man, the Tartan line runs on. Coach Stuart Munro is a former Rangers man. So is defender David McPherson, a former Munro team-mate and Scottish international.

About the fake Glasgow derby with the Knights, McPherson joked, "I was hoping I'd never see that (Celtic) strip again and I definitely didn't expect to play against it in Australia."

The Gippsland Falcons count former Rangers midfielder Sandy Robertson in the squad, while the Canberra Cosmos signed two bag-pipers David Winnie and Brian Hamilton to boost their appeal. Popular Scot Bobby McLachlan is a former Gippsland and Fawkner coach and has a development role with the Victorian Soccer

Federation.

It may therefore be of no co-incidence that Australia's soccer history will be recorded by two Australian academics of Scottish heritage.

The Australian Research Council has provided them with a \$71,000 grant over two years to write the history of Australian soccer, starting around the 1850s to the present day.

Roy Hay is a senior lecturer in economics and social studies at Deakin University, while Dr Bill Murray is a senior lecturer at LaTrobe University at the School of History in archeological and historical studies.

Born in Glasgow, Murray wrote a major work on the world history of football (soccer) and is recognised for his book on Celtic and Rangers, called *The Old Firm*.

"The Scottish contribution to football (or soccer), is out of all proportion around the world," Murray said. "Scots are credited with getting the world game started more so than the English in the early days."

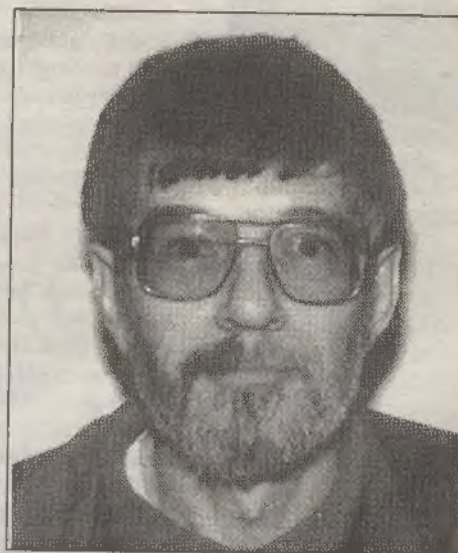
A puzzling aspect of world football is that where the English ran colonies, the round-ball code didn't become the dominant sport, he said.

"Soccer (football) is the most popular game in the world, except in the former English-speaking colonies where another form of football became the code," Murray said. He pointed to the USA (gridiron), and New Zealand and Australia where rugby and Australian Rules Football became the leading ball sports.

Murray, who played his soccer in the 1960s and 1970s in South Australia, joined forces with Hay because of their mutual love of the game and their numerous published contributions over many years.

Only recently, Hay, whose grandfather played for Celtic in one of the best half-back lines ever seen, contributed a soccer chapter to an intriguing volume of essays, entitled *'All Part of the Game, Violence and Australian Sport'*.

Edited by Dr Dennis Hemphill, a senior lecturer in the School of Human Movement, Recreation and Performance, at the Victoria University in Melbourne, the book cover displays a characteristically aggressive passage of AFL tackling. Inside, it delves into the social and historical aspects of sports



Roy Hay: Soccer historian.

violence, including football, rugby, soccer and boxing.

The Hay and Murray book will focus on the social history of soccer in this country. It will examine "the migrant influence, ethnicity and naturalisation", Hay, who's also a soccer writer for the Geelong Advertiser, said.

"It will examine the question why soccer has struggled to become the central code of football, which it has become virtually everywhere else in the world," Hay said.

Hay said soccer was "gaining in stature". He cited South Melbourne's participation in the world cup for clubs in Brazil in January, the hosting of the Olympics, of which soccer is a major component nationwide, the qualification bid for the 2002 World Cup and the women's World Cup in 2003 as standard bearers.

Also president of the Australian Society for Sports History, Hay said he and Murray were keen to enlist the services of a "young research scholar with command of the Croatian and Greek languages, who ideally also has a knowledge of the game."

Which goes to show even the best of Scottish needs a bit of assistance, after all.

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# HOW TO SPEND \$3,800,000

By Bert van Bedaf

**N**ational and Oceania champion South Melbourne will use its \$3.8 million windfall from the World Club Championship, held in Brazil next year, to make significant improvements to its Bob Jane Stadium, club president George Vasilopoulos announced.

The club will build a second grandstand at Bob Jane Stadium and eventually also close off the ends behind the goals to create a total stadium atmosphere.

South will also establish a poker machine venue at the ground to create an additional revenue stream, Vasilopoulos said.

"Since the recent announcement of the prize-money allocation for the FIFA World Club Championship in Brazil, 2000, the most asked question of myself and the Board has been what the club intends to do with the money," Vasilopoulos said.

"To receive \$3.8 million is what can easily be described as a dream start to the new millennium for the South Melbourne Soccer Club.

"Not many sporting clubs in Australia can say they have (received), or are likely to receive, this type of one-off cash injection. The club must



George Vasilopoulos: Wants South to have the best soccer facilities in Australia.

now determine how to best utilise this type of funding to ensure the long-term future of the club.

"There are a number of key areas that the club will look to investing this money. First, the players should be rewarded for their efforts, in particular, for qualifying for this tournament.

"Secondly, the club can now put itself into the black by paying off its debts, most of which are due to the initial improvements to the Bob Jane Stadium.

"Thirdly, the club will be able to utilise these funds in conjunction with outside assistance, the State Government and private sector, to further develop the facilities for spectators and sponsors at the stadium.

"(This will be done) by initially placing a seated grandstand on the eastern side of the ground and then eventually enclosing the whole ground by providing seating and cover at the northern and southern ends of the stadium.

"This development, which has been a long term plan of the club, will provide all our supporters and sponsors with the best facilities in Australian soccer and further entrench South Melbourne as the best club in the national league.

"The club has also plans for a licensed poker machine venue. The

club has already been in discussions with a couple of venue operators. With the assistance of this cash injection, (this) will now speed up the process to providing the club with a venue that will allow the club to draw upon another revenue stream outside the traditional methods of sponsorships, fund-raising events, memberships and gate takings," he said.



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# SOCCER WOMAN

By Janene Mar

## EXCITING FIRST STEPS

In the red corner stood China, the mighty China who had so narrowly missed out on the 1999 World Cup crown by the skin of a penalty shootout loss to hosts USA.

The same China who had annihilated defending champions Norway 5-0 in the World Cup semifinals. The very nation who had claimed the silver medal in the 1996 Olympic Games, and a team so highly revered the world over for their scintillating attacking style and understanding of the game, superb skills, and lightning speed.

And there in the green and gold corner was Australia, whose World Cup memories are so very far removed from that of their Asian opponents, players only recently having recovered from the grieving process.

Those of whom were at USA '99, that is - a mere eleven of this 18-member team who had made the trek to southern China.

Daring to take on such a grand opponent was the Matildas, consisting of three players never before selected at this level, plus another four making a return to Australian Team ranks after one or two years' absence.

The Matildas who had only just commenced training five weeks previous under new National Coach Chris Tanzey. The Aussies who have embarked on learning from scratch an entirely new style, formation and philosophy of play.

Not only is this new formation something completely different to anything they have previously encountered, but they are being asked to play in new positions with new roles.

The odds didn't stack up well in the Matildas' favour. Not that beating the Chinese was really ever the aim of the tour, although one never enters the field wanting to lose.

"If you look at it, things are totally different," explained National Coach Chris Tanzey. "From the World Cup, there is maybe one player in the same position and role."

"To do all that, against a full strength China who have been together for two World Cups, and on Chinese soil - it could have been a recipe for disaster."

Australia recorded a 3-1 and a 4-2 loss to China, both respectable enough results against the

pedigree Chinese, and yet not a true indication of the Aussies' encouraging performances. After a tentative start, the Matildas took the game to the favourites, starting to recreate on the field that which they had been working at on the training pitch.

It was starting to really come together, and it did work, only individual lapses and a little inexperience going against them.

"We got more out of this tour than I expected. The few things we worked on at training we managed to put into practice, and our fitness has already picked up - these were major factors. Our performances were closer than the scorelines suggest."

What the Matildas have come away with is something much more precious - a new confidence in themselves, in their team, and the new system. An assurance that this massive undertaking they have taken on, to which they have committed themselves and made added sacrifices, is the answer.

Apprehension must have clouded the view of many following the disappointment of the World Cup and with the knowledge that there is little time to turn things around before the Olympic Games. The Australians' performance in China proved to be the perfect antidote - real tangible evidence that it can be done, that this is the way to go.

"After the first half of the first game, we started to relax and really compete - there was a marked improvement," recalled Tanzey.

"We weren't in awe as much of them and we gave a lot more. The players suddenly came to the

realisation that "Hey, this works". It gave them a belief in what we're doing. With everyone involve in playing a certain way, it gives you strength. You can see you are a wheel within a wheel when you see others doing it.

"And the players actually learned during the course of the two games - there was a difference from the first to the second match which was another major factor. To take China on this early, over there in that pressure situation, has given the players the enthusiasm to keep working at what we're doing."

The tour, an unexpected invitation at very short notice, had turned out to be the perfect solution at this stage of the program. Working at something so new on the training pitch day in day out, it can be difficult to appreciate its real worth and gauge one's progress whilst it remains in the practice mode.

The chance to actually try it out on the international stage in real match conditions has proved a priceless experience.

With such a new mix, you would think there would be some chinks somewhere along the line, but Tanzey was pleased with the performance of every single member of the side.

"Everyone on tour did well, including the new players - they did a great job. Even when substitutions were made, the shape of the team never changed, so all the players had an understanding. Even those who had very little time with picked things up quickly, and I thought they also gave the team one or two different things too."

And not to forget, there are a number of more established players still to work their way back into the team, presently recovering from injury or away overseas.

"It's not just playing - it's playing without the ball," explained Tanzey of the new game plan. "It's understanding the game as a whole, not only knowing what your own job is. It's not actually a new system, but it's about giving them options of what they can do. We've actually been working too hard during the game - we've got to start using our head instead of our legs."

"We're starting to realise we don't have to run



National coach Chris Tanzey: Hard work is paying off.

so much, and also that we can keep the ball. These two areas go hand in hand. The positions are new and the jobs within those roles are new too.

"And this will all take a long time - we'll need all the days from now until the Olympics. It's a long way to the finished product, but this is a good start. The players have shown they are capable of pretty big improvements."

"It challenges them a lot more to think about the game, which can have its downfalls in the beginning, but if we want to improve our knowledge and increase our options, then we've got to work through that."

"We're not used to concentrating every minute of the game, and against good teams, you'll get punished."

There are a rare few nations who have beaten China, and for outsiders to look merely at these results and dismiss the exercise as a failure, proves they don't know their football.

What this tour has done is help set up the Matildas on a bright path in the lead-up to Sydney 2000.

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# NO HASSLES — "BOO" IS BACK ON THE FORCE FIELD

By Allan Crisp

**B**rad Hassell has committed to play for Adelaide Force for a further three seasons, but the skilful midfielder has not abandoned plans to have another shot at finding an overseas club when the current NSL campaign ends.

His first attempt at gaining a professional contract was aborted after he suffered a broken arm while guesting for the then State League club Modbury Jets.

During the last UK close season, Hassell, 25, trained for a month with Southend before spending a fortnight with Stockport County.

No contract was offered and Hassell returned to Australia a trifle late for pre-season training.

"I felt it was time to make a long term commitment with the Force," Hassell said. "I'll see how things go before deciding if I'll have another crack at finding an overseas club."

Force coach Zoran Matic has an open ended arrangement with his players, preferring to allow them to leave if they feel they can better themselves by securing overseas contracts.

The normally undemonstrative Matic is obviously pleased to have the former Australian Schoolboy international and ex-Olyroo squad member back and so too are his team colleagues because, beneath a quiet, calm exterior lies a wise-cracking joker.

Getting Hassell to talk about himself is like drawing teeth. But those who know him best have spilled the beans on the introverted extrovert.

Nicknamed "Boo" after a rock band named "Boo-Radley," Hassell was himself the lead singer and rhythm guitarist of a group called "Parklife".

But it is his role of team humourist and talented cartoonist that captures the imagination and admiration of his peers.

"Brad's quick, dry humour and witty sketches on the coach's drawing board are extraordinary pre-training ice-breakers," recalls former Force coach John Perin.

"He's quiet and unassuming, but he's a very talented artist. And his ability to ad lib creates an incredible dressing room atmosphere."

And Perin rates Hassell highly as a player. "Brad is brilliant, he just does not realise just how good he really is."

"He's got the lot — deceptive change of pace, great vision and a terrific shot," Perin said.



**Beginner's luck:** Brad Hassell won the championship in his first year with the Force.

Hassell and his supportive family wasted no time in kick-starting his career as he trotted out his four-year old frame in the Para Hills juniors.

Stints at Ingle Farm and Tea Tree Gully juniors followed before he made his senior debut as a 16-year with Adelaide Polonia (now Croydon Kings).

State team representation followed with the SA Under 16's and he was chosen in the Australian High Schools squad to play in New Zealand.

Representing Australia in the Olyroo squad for a tournament in Malaysia which involved Leeds United Under 23's, Flamengo and the host nation, is a treasured highlight.

Hassell played one-season with White City Woodville before being snapped up by Adelaide Force in 1994, a beginner's luck choice, as the club won the NSL title for a third time.

As for this season, Hassell takes a realistic approach. "We've had a shaky start, but things will pick up and we should make the top six again."

A return to the 1995/96 season goal-grabbing form when he netted 16 times to finish second to Damian Mori's record 31 strikes, would go a long way towards forcing that objective.

*Allan Crisp can be heard on Adelaide radio 5RPH (1197AM) with John Perin and Robbie Popplestone on Tuesdays from 7.30am-9am.*



**Brad Hassell:** Not only a soccer player, but a humourist and promising cartoonist.



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# Letters to the Editor

## NSL CULLING WILL NOT BE PRETTY

Dear Sir,  
So Soccer Australia is considering reducing the NSL to 12 teams for 2000-01. No one yet knows how this will turn out but, undoubtedly, it won't be pretty. This is particularly the case considering Soccer Australia's inherent bumbings over past years.

The whole notion makes one ask many questions. Why did they expand the NSL this year? Why did they permit a fourth team from Sydney's west? And why allow a New Zealand side to enter the 'national' competition that is still trying to consolidate its base?

Before they had even played a game, the Parramatta Power were trumpeted as a team of the future much like the Northern Spirit and Perth. Early crowd figures suggest that there is a long way to go and

perhaps the example of the Collingwood debacle a few years ago has been ignored.

Surely the emphasis should have been on strengthening Sydney's traditional clubs rather than using Parramatta as a threat to their existence.

Football fans can be fickle but I doubt that fans of an extinct Sydney United will immediately join the hordes of Power fans. One thing is for certain, Soccer Australia will be too embarrassed to cut Parramatta or Auckland. So we will witness the death of two other clubs.

However, there is a part of me that can't believe that the old Sydney clubs will be first on the chopping block.

This honour could fall to the likes of Canberra, Gippsland, Wollongong and others. I fear that next year's competition could comprise something like five



Sydney teams, three from Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane and Auckland.

Some national league! Should the NSL exist without a team from the national capital?

Admittedly the Cosmos' performances over recent seasons have been abysmal, but should they be cut just when they are showing signs of improvement?

The loss of clubs like Newcastle or Wollongong would be just as tragic. SA must give the league representation in football communities in many areas of the country as possible.

Soccer Australia, being Soccer Australia, don't mind making their own jobs very difficult. How much easier would reducing the competition be if there had been 14 teams this year rather than 16. They could have then cut Gippsland (sadly, whose prospects for growth look slim) and reduced Sydney's teams from 4 to 3, perhaps through a merger. But no, according to Soccer Australia it's better to take one step

forward and two steps back.

All this will end up being irrelevant when Soccer Australia wield their axe. Clubs and fans complaints will be drowned out whilst Soccer Australia make themselves look just about as blind and ruthless as the NRL.

I may sound like a moaner but I am really just a soccer fan who wants the sport to be successful in Australia.

It's frustrating when just about everyone you know supports a side from the English Premier League but knows very little about the game locally. Obviously the standard is a lot higher, but surely Soccer Australia realise that each of these Premier League fans potential NSL supporters?

Julian Murphy  
Potts Point, NSW.

## FOUR STARS LET'S DEMAND OLYMPIC CRITICS NOT THREE A FAIR GO ARE OFFSIDE

Dear Sir,  
Please find enclosed the bromide of the new South Melbourne Soccer Club logo with four stars to be used in all future publications.

As you may be aware, the stars on the SMSC logo represent all the championships the club has won.

After our success over Sydney United in the 1998/99 Grand Final, the SMSC tally was raised to a record four championships and, therefore, the number of stars were also increased.

Could you please delete the old three star logo, and begin using the four star logo immediately.

As a club which is trying to



broaden its horizons and promote itself within the sporting community, it is extremely frustrating to continually see editorials containing our old logo as well as old photos.

Thank you for your support.  
Andrew Pirchan  
Marketing Co-ordinator  
South Melbourne Soccer Club

Dear Sir,  
Further to the article written by Bert Van Bedaf re television coverage by the South Melbourne supporters group "Enough is Enough", I totally agree with these views.

However may I suggest that all soccer publications such as your excellent paper print a "standard form of complaint" to the channels demanding a fairer coverage, then all the readers have to do is fill in their name

and post it.

I have written many times to complain about the lack of coverage to the world game without much success and also I wonder how many people feel comfortable writing to these biased channels.

Let us all get off our butts and demand a fair go for the beautiful game.

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Dear Sir,  
I am sick of the media ticking off UTS Sydney Olympic. The latest attack came courtesy of wait for it...some clowns on a dedicated NSL radio program last night (October 31) in Sydney.

In their broadcast they talked about the Spirit/Olympic tie of October 29 at North Sydney Oval, won by Olympic 1-0.

They claimed the Olympic goal was a Cardozo handball but I can only agree with The Australian's Ray Gatt, "...the final touch coming from a Spirit player..." and that Spirit were "...moved around the the park like a border collie working sheep".

Mike Cockerill said as much in his Sydney Morning Herald report. The scoreline should have read 2-7, such were the strikes on target.

As for the attendance being



16,000, well if it really was, I'll run down Miller Street naked.

It looked more like 9,000 or 10,000. Us Olympic fans made up for at least 2,000 of the attendance.

Spirit are kidding themselves if they think they'll beat Wollongong at home (November 7).

We all know Spirit can't score goals. A fact their fans would dislike being reminded about.

Gavin Clarke  
Bass Hill, NSW

## TWO CONFERENCES ARE BETTER THAN TWO DIVISIONS

Dear Sir,  
It seems that Soccer's worst kept secret is that there will be a second division introduced next season in the NSL.

This will be to appease all the reformers wanting a faster pace of change, with a reduction down to 12 teams in the Premier Division with maybe 10 or 12 in the lower division.

I hope I am wrong, but I don't think a second division at the national level will work in Australia and New Zealand. We don't have the tradition, history or culture, not to mention the shorter distances between cities, that European and British countries successfully deal with in second and third divisions.

If the second division is stacked with mainly Sydney and Melbourne clubs just

to save costs, it will eventually alter the geographical spread and composition of the Premier Division once promotion and regulation takes effect over a number of years.

Within 4 or 5 years we could end up with 10 out of 12 teams in the Premier Division coming out of both Sydney and Melbourne.

Now what kind of a national competition would that be. It would not only lack credibility but also be a laughing stock with the biased media in this country which will gladly sink the boot into soccer at every opportunity they get.

It's alright for Victorian Soccer Federation president Joseph Brondalino to give strong Victorian clubs like Bulleen

and Green Gully a chance to play in a stronger competition at a higher level.

But it won't do the game any good as a whole nationally if all the strength and power is concentrated in just Melbourne and Sydney.

At a time when other football codes are spreading out all over the country we have Soccer wanting to look inwards.

What Bulleen and Green Gully need to do is join up or merge with Carlton and South Melbourne to make those clubs bigger and stronger on the national scene, if it is at all possible.

Otherwise we should look at a two conference system which I mentioned earlier this year.

The American model of the conferences is much better suited to

Australia, than Europe's two or more division systems. Due to our large area in size plus our small number of large cities, it would be better to separate Sydney and Melbourne into separate conferences.

As commercial television isn't really interested in local soccer the benefits of a two conference system (North and South) with more local derbies in both Sydney and Melbourne, (and all teams still in with a chance of making the six team finals right throughout the season in a smaller conference of 10 or 12 teams) are greater than the loss of sponsorship dollars from two separate competitions.

It would also maintain a proper geographical spread as both conferences are level in importance, whereas separate

divisions are not.

My worry is that the European model or way of running domestic competitions — that is promotion and relegation — will not work out here.

Until our administrators wake up to that fact and be more adventurous, then the game could go backwards again. The success of the final six system, which many traditionalists don't like, leads credence to what I just wrote, and therefore should be looked at seriously.

The final six playoffs of finals is an American and Australian invention, not a European or British one.

Dominic Scullino  
Nerang, QLD



# YOUNG GUN READY TO BREAK THROUGH

By Greg Danvers

Newcastle Breakers rookie Peter Juchniewicz may be forgiven for thinking his chance to play in the National Soccer League may not have come his way after missing the first half of last season's National Youth League with a groin injury requiring an operation.

"Last year I was a bit under-done, I had a groin operation and that set me back for the first half of the year," Peter Juchniewicz said.

After the operation Peter returned to training and played in the Breakers Youth side for the remainder of the 1998/99 season then played with the Adamstown Rosebuds in the Northern NSW NBN Soccer League during the winter of 1999.

Under the guidance of former NSL player Neil Owens, Peter regained his strength, playing fitness and confidence with his club finishing fourth and playing in the grand final, going down 4-0 to Hamilton Olympic.

Breakers senior coach Lee Sterrey had followed the fortunes of Peter and offered him a one year contract.

Peter had proved his fitness and commitment in the pre-season training and was named in the run on side for the Breakers round one match against Sydney Olympic, came off the bench in the Wolves, Spirit and Kingz matches and was in the starting line up against the Falcons.

His goal is to be in the starting eleven as many times as possible this season.



Peter Juchniewicz: one of the young guns to look out for this season

"I have got to concentrate week by week and earn myself the right to play each week," he said.

"To force my way into the starting eleven each week is going to be probably the hardest thing to do.

"To do that I have to improve my defence, where I place myself in the field in defence, shutting people down and not giving them too much room."

With players like Bob Catlin, Andy Harper and the seasoned

back-line around him Peter has welcomed the talk and encouragement from his peers.

"I have learnt so much off them (Catlin and Harper) in the last few months," Peter added.

"They might get up me on the field but I would rather that than them say nothing at all and blokes like Glenn Sprod behind me give me so much encouragement and tell me where to be at the right time

"The trip to Malaysia with the AIS set the level that you have to be at. Set that standard that you know you have to be at."

Having learnt his trade in the NSW State League with Rosebuds and NYL with the Breakers, for three seasons, and playing with the Rosebuds first grade side this year Peter has his NSL destiny at his own feet and rates Neil Owens as one his mentors.

"Neil helped me so much," he said of the Adamstown coach.

"He gave me all the opportunities to make it into this (Breakers) squad. I have so much respect for him as a guy, a player and coach because you can learn just so much off him."

Breakers coach Lee Sterrey encouraged Peter to play the winter in the local competition to improve his fitness and toughness and that was certainly achieved. His attitude and desire was never questioned.

"I could see (in the youth league last season) that character wise he is a kid with a burning desire to play," Lee Sterrey said.

"The minute he goes out every week he busts it, he gives everything he's got which is tremendous.

"That will always get you somewhere. Peter has got skill, he is a fantastic dribbler of the ball, he can beat a player, he's got a great left foot.

"We will be working on things throughout the season to make him a more complete player.

"The kid is going to come on in leaps and bounds and I think he is going to have a good year."

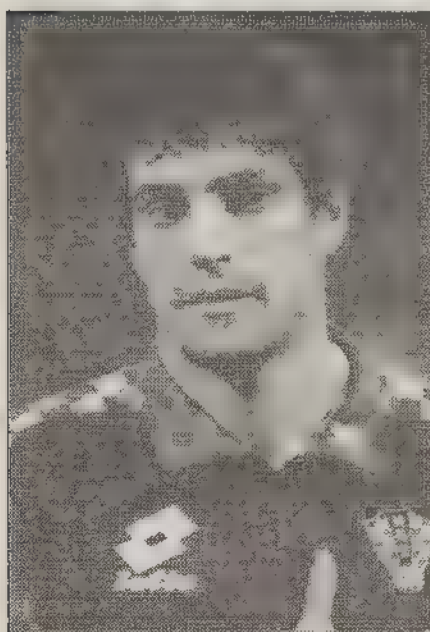


## FACT FILE

Jersey number:	21
Nickname:	Junky
Date of Birth:	September 7, 1979 in Australia
Height:	178cm
Weight:	68kgs
Eye Colour:	Hazel
Hair Colour:	Brown
Occupation:	University Student (PE Teacher)
Employer:	Newcastle Breakers Football Pty Ltd
Hobbies/Interests:	Sleeping
Year Joined:	1996/97
Position:	Midfield
Previous Clubs:	Adamstown Rosebuds-2 years; Newcastle Breakers Youth-3years
Representative Honours:	AIS squad 'Tour of Malaysia', 1 month
NYL Games:	75
Major Injuries:	Groin
Ambitions:	To enjoy, improve and work hard at every aspect of my soccer.

Information courtesy of the Newcastle Breakers Souvenir Programme available from the 'Jersey Joint' at Breakers Stadium.

## HAJDUK SPLIT DOWNUNDER



Slaven Bilic: Croatian World Cup team member



By Bert van Bedaf

The Melbourne Knights will host Croatian top club Hajduk Split at Sunshine on December 5.

The Split tour is being organised by the Michael Edgley organisation. The club was last in Australia in 1989.

Former West Ham United defender and Croatian World Cup member Slaven Bilic will be confirmed for the tour when his transfer to Split from Everton has been completed.

The Croatian team is captained by Soccerroo Josip Skoko. He made a couple of appearances for the Knights before going overseas. Another Australian regular in the side is Tony Grdic. Split will also play in Sydney and Perth.



Josip Skoko: Hajduk captain



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# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

**PARRAMATTA POWER** 1  
**GIPPSLAND FALCONS** 1

By Joe Russo

If ever a team deserved to win a game, then it was certainly Parramatta Power on Friday evening at Parramatta Stadium.

Gippsland were lucky to capitalise on one of their chances and equalise the game, a feat even their most ardent supporters would have to admit, they were lucky to get away with.

After the game Power coach David Mitchell admitted his disappointment: "They had only one chance and scored," he said. "It is still disappointing. We had quite a few chances but we have to be able to keep a clean sheet before we can win games."

The flip side of the coin was obviously Gippsland coach Jeff Hopkins.

"We never gave up and kept going," he said afterwards, sporting a grin from ear to ear.

"The side has a lot of character but I don't think either side played good football tonight."

"I knew we were in for a tough game but even at 1-1 down, we didn't panic."

Parramatta Power were completely dominant from the outset but as is often the case in football, the better side doesn't always take away the deserved points.

It was after only five minutes of play that the experienced Dave Barrett shot over the crossbar from very close range.

He should have scored, but that was the story of Parramatta's evening.

In the 17th minute Durakovic risked personal injury to block a Mile Sterjovski missile and in the 33rd, the Olyroo striker saw his header cleared off the line by Puca for the Falcons, just when a Power goal seemed certain.

Power's goal eventually arrived in the 60th minute thanks to Joel Griffiths who finished off a wonderful movement that was started down on the left side by Sterjovski.

His most accurate cross found his blond striking partner in the box, who put away a good goal for the team.

However it wasn't to be their night and the visitors got away with a point thanks to a goal in the 81st minute by Hastie.

He seemed to mis-kick the ball after receiving a long ball from Durakovic.

Power keeper Crews and three defenders seemed at a loss, as was just about everyone else, and the unthinkable had occurred.

It was a valuable lesson for Parramatta Power in front of their home crowd — that they must simply finish off their chances if they are to win games.

They now have seven days to re-group and face Perth Glory once again at Parramatta Stadium.



Joel Griffiths: Parramatta goalscorer

**NEWCASTLE BREAKERS** 2  
**MARCONI STALLIONS** 3

By Greg Danvers

Marconi showed their class and patience to snatch a 3-2 victory, in the last minute of regulation time, from the Newcastle Breakers at Breakers Stadium on Friday night.

Marconi led 1-nil, through Zeljko Babic, after 14 minutes. Babic eluded Breakers defender Todd McManus and chipped Bob Catlin to open the scoring.

From there the match was dull and end to end as Marconi built from the back with the Breakers trying to catch the Stallions on the break until the match exploded 20 minutes after half-time.

Vasco Trpceviski, the Breakers set play specialist, hit the crossbar from 25 metres.

Chad Gibson brought Trpceviski down at the 35 minute mark and from the free kick Trpceviski curled a left footer to left of Marconi 'keeper Michael Turnbull. Turnbull was beaten but saved by the woodwork.

Newcastle went to the break trailing one nil after Andy Harper (40 minute) and John Buonavoglia, two minutes later, were off target after they forced their way into the penalty area.

Marconi, through Babic, had chances in the 55th and 57th minutes.

The crowd of 4,473 were awoken from their slumber when the Breakers grabbed the equaliser in the 65th and then went to a 2-1 lead two minutes later.

Buonavoglia curled a left footer into the net in the 65th and then Travis Dodd beat Turnbull two minutes later.

Buonavoglia's was an individual effort from the right side after he turned Brendan Renaud to slot a curling left footer past Turnbull.

Chris Tancheski, a 63 minute substitute for Brad Wiecek, made space for himself down the right, flicked the ball to Andy Harper who found Dodd in the area.

Dodd scored his first goal for the Breakers from 12 metres.

Marconi's Kris Trajanovski equalised four minutes later from a corner unmarked at the back post.

On his first attempt Catlin got down to block a well driven header, the ball fell back to feet of Trajanovski and he simply slotted past Catlin.

The Breakers had the chance to seal a win, or as the match panned out hold on for a draw, when captain Shane Pryce failed to beat Turnbull from the penalty spot.

Andy Harper was brought down by Mike Smith inside the box in the 86th minute. Pryce elected to side foot the ball low and to left of Turnbull.

Smith redeemed himself four minutes later when his pin-point cross found Danny Invincible on the edge of the box.

Invincible got inside Peter Juchniewicz and slotted past Catlin for the winner and a 3-2 scoreline.

"All credit to Newcastle — they came out in the second half and played very well and they were very unlucky not to come away with a win," Marconi coach Eddie Krncevic said after the game.

"I am happy to be taking three points away from Newcastle because I don't think many teams are going to be taking points away from here."

Newcastle coach Lee Sterrey was gutted by the loss and will look to plug the defensive gaps that allowed what he described as two soft goals by Marconi.

"What can you say about the second half, you come from behind one-nil down and hit the front against a side that is ranked to win the championship shows a bit of character and courage but at the end of the day we fell on our own sword," Sterrey said.

"To concede a goal from a bloke that is sitting inside the six yard box totally unmarked is just ludicrous, it won't happen too much longer. Soft as soft as can be. I am totally gutted."

**CARLTON SC** 2  
**CANBERRA COSMOS** 0

By Bert van Bedaf

Carlton maintained its unbeaten run, striding past Canberra Cosmos 2-0 in soaking spring rain at Olympic Park last Friday night. New Zealand referee Derek Rugg provided the night's controversy with two dubious decisions.

Left wingman Andrew Packer proved a handful for the Canberra defence, with Carlton dominating for the first 30 minutes before dropping a gear but doing enough in the second half to seal the points.

An early goal was always on the cards, the way Carlton pressed from the kick-off. With five corners in five minutes, the Cosmos needed as many lives to keep a clean sheet, but at the eighth kick after eleven minutes the Blues got it right.

Markovski lobbed the ball at the far post, where Alex Moreira rose through Canberra's defensive pack to head home Carlton's opening goal.

Moreira was unlucky not to earn a penalty after five minutes. Andrew Marth played a long through-ball, while Moreira beat the offside trap to get a clear run on goal. Cosmos 'keeper Grant Barlow clearly impeded Moreira's charge inside the area, but Rugg waved play to continue.

Barlow also tipped a Lubo Lapsansky shot over the bar in the eighth minute, before Moreira hit the target.

Cosmos created two chances to get level, but steady Carlton defender David McPherson intercepted Daniel Watkins' attempt in the 14th minute, while Carlton 'keeper Dean Anastasiadis tipped David Milin's shot over the bar for Canberra's first corner after 31 minutes.

Moreira again put the Canberra defence to the test in the 36th minute, giving Mike Conroy a chance to score his first Carlton goal, but the Scottish striker aimed high and wide.

Conroy nearly got his maiden strike two minutes before the interval, when he caught Barlow with the ball at his feet, but the Canberra 'keeper managed to clear for a throw-in, leaving the Cosmos a goal behind at half time.

Toplica Popovich took on Carlton's Andrew Packer and Craig Deans two minutes after the break, but chipped well over the bar for Cosmos.

Ivo Defesus saw his shot deflected by McPherson for Canberra's fourth corner after nine minutes, before Carlton got its tenth corner for the match, followed by the eleventh only second later.

Packer went on a 40-metre sprint close on the hour, getting a clear run on goal but shot just wide of the far post to the frustration of the Carlton bench.

Both teams lost a player through injury. Carlton's Archie Thompson came on for a limping Moreira in the 59th minute, while Danny Burt made room for Ilija Prenzovski in the 74th for Cosmos. Markovski made room for David Terminello in the 77th minute.

Packer again beat Cosmos to the ball in the 78th minute but also aimed wide with his third attempt. Marth was off-target with a 30-metre free-kick a minute later.

A terrible mis-kick in the Canberra defence enabled Thompson to secure victory in the 85th minute. The Carlton striker latched onto a rebounded clearance and clinically slotted the ball home through Barlow's legs.

But both coaches, Canberra's Tom Sermanni and Carlton's Stuart Munro later said they believed Thompson had been in an offside position, even though the ball had come him from a Canberra defender's deflection.

"I'm not complaining about the result," Sermanni said. "But unless I don't know the rule, I thought when a player is in an offside position, he is offside when the ball is played forward."

"Our defender got us touch, I have no problem with that, but the moment the ball was played forward their attacker was already in an offside position. As soon as the ball's played. That's the rule."

"There was some seven or eight minutes to go and with a goal down we still had a chance to sneak a draw, but with the score 2-0 the game was over."

"These kind of very poor decisions potentially can cost you the game and potentially can cost you your job, if you're a coach," he said.

Munro later agreed with Sermanni's offside claim. "It certainly appeared that way," Munro said.

He wasn't so certain about Moreira's fifth-minute fall. "I thought he went down too easily," Munro said.

The Carlton coach said his team should have "scored more goals in the first half and killed off the game early".

"We were terrible in the second half, but when we scored the second goal we finished the game fairly comfortably," he said.

Cosmos was clearly affected by the controversial goal and allowed Carlton far too much room near goal, but the Blues left it by two strikes for their fourth win of the season.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE** 3  
**MELBOURNE KNIGHTS** 0

By Bert van Bedaf

South Melbourne added to its winning reputation at home by downing a courageous Melbourne Knights 3-0 at a rain-soaked Bob Jane stadium last Sunday night, with substitute Vaughan Coveny netting twice and John Anastasiadis once after the break.

South also had the better chances in the first half before dominating the second. The Knights defended resolutely to deny the South attack before the break. Goal keeper Martin John made two excellent saves and South goal sneak Michael Curcija hit the crossbar. South also had a goal disallowed.

"It's a good result, I thought we played well. The Knights are a competitive team and to win so convincingly we're very happy," South coach Ange Postecoglou said.

"In the first half we hit the crossbar and we had a goal disallowed. We got a bit sloppy in the last 15 minutes and allowed the Knights some half chances. We were getting a bit anxious to get that breakthrough goal. But I'm happy the way we fought out the game. We just need to become more consistent and start getting some results away," he said.

Knights coach Joe Biskic said his side had played well in the first half. "We were matching South in every department, but somehow in the end we lost. We have young players and especially against a team like South Melbourne you need experience, that is what we don't have. Some of the young players can't handle the pressure," he said.

"I thought we created enough chances, two or three in each half, but we couldn't score from them. You can't take the win away from South. They deserved it."

Biskic refused to be drawn into criticising young keeper John, whose two fumbles allowed Coveny his two headers.

"I'm not going to criticise him. He's a young 'keeper and he's got his future ahead," Biskic said.

Both teams missed vital players through injury. South Melbourne played without captain Paul Trimball and Goran Lozanovski, while the Knights missed Mark Silic and Ivan Kelic.

The attacking pace was furious in the opening minutes with chances going to Zeljko Susa and Adrian Cervinski for the Knights and Anastasiadis getting close for South.

South Melbourne forged the first real opportunity after ten minutes from a cross by Anthony Magnacca on the left. Nick Orlic headed the ball onto the bar from close range and John palmed Curcija's rebound wide of the post.

South scored in the 17th minute, but referee Brian Precious, who stood close to the action, disallowed Orlic's strike because of pushing.

The South attack came close a third time after half an hour when Jim Tsekinis crossed into the box. Con Blasis produced a looping header, but a back-peddling John just managed to palm the ball away before the Knights defence cleared.

Cervinski and a lively Mijo Trupkovic threatened in time added-on, but the Melbourne derby remained goalless at half time.

South continued to pressure after the interval. Clarkson curled a free-kick into the box, where Tsekinis headed it just wide at the far post in the 56th minute.

But two minutes later Tsekinis distributed the ball wide to the left, where DeAmicis crossed to the far post. Anastasiadis ran in and struck the net with a powerful header for the opening goal.

Susa forced South's Hungarian goal keeper Milan Udvaracz into a diving save a minute later, but the tide was turning South's way.

The defending champion extended its lead in the 70th minute with a header by Vaughan Coveny, who'd replaced Anastasiadis only four minutes earlier. Orlic took the free-kick and Coveny lofted the ball into the net, rising above John.

The Knights were clearly rattled and South created several more chances, with Coveny taking charge.

The quicksilver striker again rose above John for South's third goal from a Tsekinis cross in the 82nd minute to seal match.

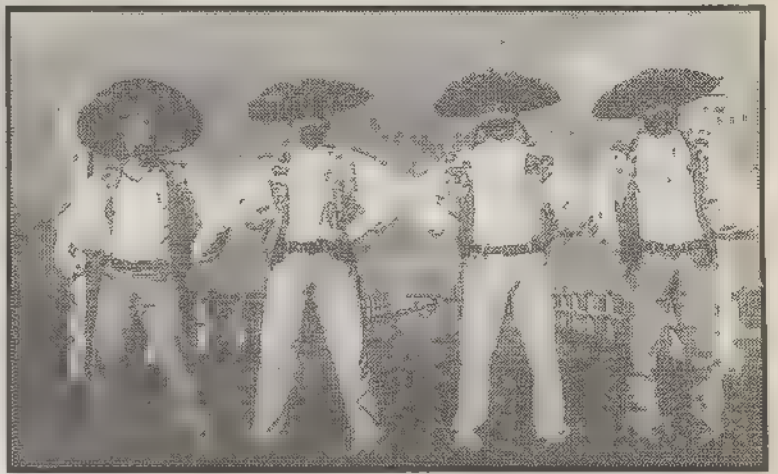
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# The Four Diegos

This week's special guest is former Scottish International, Rangers and Hearts star and now Carlton big name recruit:

## Dave McPherson



# FOUR DIEGOS OFFEND CARLTON ACE

**Diegos:** "A belated welcome from the Diegos. You have been quoted saying that you came to Australia for a new challenge and the beautiful weather."

**How's the challenge going and more importantly, how's the tan coming along?"**

**McPherson:** "The tan is coming along well thanks. As for the challenge, well we had a disappointing game in round two against the Gippsland Falcons, but we've played well since."

**It's a long season and I'm looking forward to the rest of the games."**

**Diegos:** "Aussie soccer is a long way from a freezing cold Hampden Park and an end of season trip water skiing on Loch Ness with your mates."

**"How much did you know about Australian soccer before you signed up for the Blues?"**

**McPherson:** "Not a great deal! But I was playing out here in 1984 and learnt a little bit then. There were also a few Australians playing back in Scotland and they taught me a few things about Aussie soccer. The game has certainly come a long way in last ten to fifteen years."

**Diegos:** "The media has focused on the distinct British feel to Carlton's recruiting this season. In actual fact though, if you scan the match day team sheet the squad looks more like a United Nations Peace Keeping force with a couple of Kiwis, a Brazilian, and Australian, Croatian, Italian and Greek influences."

**"What's it like playing with players with such**

**diverse backgrounds and how are the earnest discussions about British politics going with Brazilian Alex Moreira going?"**

**McPherson:** "We actually discuss Australian politics because it's a little bit more interesting. I think it's good! Back in Scotland and England more clubs these days are choosing a multicultural squad which I think is great."

**"We've got a great group of players down at Carlton and we get on really well. I've just got to brush up on my Brazilian so Alex Moreira and I can discuss politics at greater length."**

**Diegos:** "Enigmatic Soccerroo striker, Mark Viduka had an unusual start to his Celtic career citing stress and coming home before playing a game."

**"The club and in particular, the Celtic fans weren't happy with the whole saga. Has the V-Bomber's goals finally won over the Celtic faithful?"**

**McPherson:** "I think there is still a question mark hanging over his head. He's quite a character, I've

met him a few times over in Scotland. As long as he keeps scoring goals I think they will stand by him, but if he suffers a drought he might find himself playing soccer back here in Melbourne this summer."

**Diegos:** "The Four Diegos reckon that Scottish Soccer was invented to keep the coal miners off the street. Its image is one of toughness, hard play and hard drinking."

**Your last club was Hearts in Scotland, a club name that exudes a caring, loving and almost nancy boy type image. Was the club as soft and sensitive as the name suggests?"**

**McPherson:** "I didn't know that Hearts had that sort of reputation. They breed them hard in Scotland. I think it has something to do with the weather."

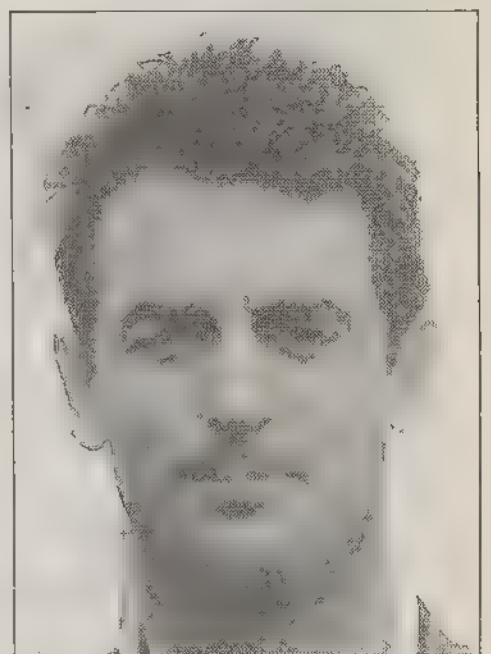
**When you're playing in November and January and it's minus ten and there's a force ten gale then you certainly toughen up."**

**Diegos:** "You arrived in Australia just as the Rugby League and Aussie Rules finals were being played."

**You bear an uncanny resemblance in looks and size to former Carlton SC chairman, former AFL footballer and now Labor Minister for Sport in Victoria, Justin Madden.**

**In another life do you think that you would've made a handy tap ruckman in Aussie Rules?"**

**McPherson:** "Hey Diegos, I've seen Justin Madden and I do not look like him at all. That's like comparing me to Frankenstein, I can't believe you said that."



Dave McPherson: Tough Scottish defender.

**Diegos:** "Thanks Dave. Let's hope the tan and your knowledge of Brazilian politics keeps on improving. Adios Amigo!"

**McPherson:** "Thanks Diegos. Never mind the tan and Brazilian politics, let's hope that no one else thinks I look like Justin Madden! Adios Diegos."



The Four Diegos have their own radio show in Melbourne on 97.4 FM every Saturday from 10am to noon.

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## "CANBERRA 2000" TICKETS SELLING WELL

By Graham Cooke

About 19,000 tickets have been sold for the six nights when Olympic soccer is held in Canberra - 13 per cent of the total - SOCOG's event director in the National Capital, Steve Doszpot says.

"That is ahead of my expectations," he said. "You have to remember that up until now there has been no separate marketing of the Canberra games - just a brief mention in the overall SOCOG ticket ballot."

"I have spoken to people who still think we are getting only warm-up games and are surprised when I tell them it's the real thing."

He said there had already been a very positive reaction to the news that the Australian Matildas will play the opening match at the 25,000-capacity Bruce Stadium, something that had

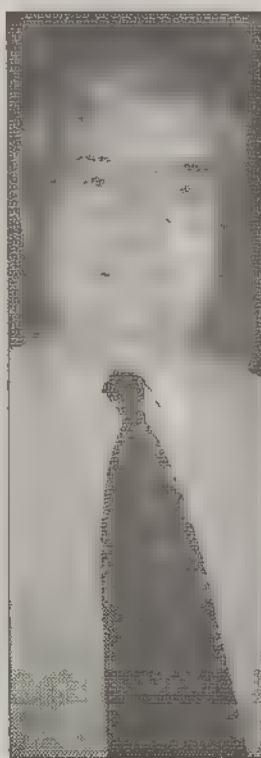
only become known in the last couple of weeks.

"The fact that it is on September 13, two days before the opening ceremony in Sydney, should provide some extra spice," he said. "I would expect people to travel from Sydney for that match."

There is also the prospect of the Matildas returning to Bruce for a semi-final if they finish second in their group - with possible world champions United States as the opponents.

Doszpot, who is also president of Soccer Canberra and vice president of the Canberra Cosmos, said he does not rule out the possibility of at least some of the 11 matches over six nights being sold out through pre-bookings.

"I know Canberrans love to roll up at the gate and buy a ticket, but I really wouldn't take the risk," he said.



Steve Doszpot: A SOCOG event director.

## PREMIERS SACK COACH

Graham Cooke

**Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso has been dumped from the job, just six weeks after steering the club to the ACT Premiership.**

Monterosso, who took over in mid-season after the departure of Ian Heywood, said he was shocked and bitterly disappointed at the snub from Monaro, who he first represented as a 16-year-old player in the NSW League back in the 1980s.

Instead, the Monaro management have gone for Weston Creek Royals team boss Jimmy Bland. The Royals finished runners-up on the points table, but failed to win a game in the finals.

Monterosso said he was never given a chance at the top job. "They said I was too inexperienced and offered me the assistant coach's position instead - yet I've won a premiership. How much

more experience do they want?"

"Admittedly my time as a coach is limited, but as a player I've served under people of the calibre of Vic Fernandez and Walter Valeri - are they saying that isn't worth anything?"

His attachment to the club has stopped him from turning down the assistant's position out of hand, but there have been other offers.

"Possibly at the University of Canberra where Tony Brennan is the new coach and wants me to help him out," Monterosso said.

"I'm going to take a little while to think this through before making a decision."

Bland said he was moving after four years with Weston Creek "because I do not believe there is anything more I can do there."

"Finishing second in the premiership was a great moment - to go further we need a couple of top-class additions to the squad, but we

have difficulties attracting anyone as there is a policy of no payments."

Instead, the Royals have lost Steve and Martin Lazzari and Josh Whittington, to Gungahlin Juventus. Bland said he was not surprised at the departures.

"In fact, it has been an achievement to hang on to the Lazzari brothers for so long," he said. "We have always had a problem in retaining our best players."

"Having said that, I don't think the club will struggle - there are some very good youngsters ready to claim a place in the first-team squad."

The coach admitted it will be strange going to Monaro, an already successful club. "Usually a new coach is appointed when things are not going well," he said.

"Monaro are obviously a very good side - now they have to concentrate on being a great one. They can do that by being hungry enough to win the title all over again next season."



# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

**PERTH GLORY** 1  
**BRISBANE STRIKERS** 2

By Richard Kreider

John Kosmina is fast becoming a nuisance in the West. The former Socceroo striker and now coach of Brisbane Strikers, eked out yet another victory at Perth Oval last Sunday, this time a deserved 2-1 triumph over Perth Glory.

Brisbane's fifth win of the season lifts the 1996/97 Ericsson Cup champions to the top of the current standings, two points clear of nearest rivals Carlton and seven ahead of Glory who slipped to sixth as a result of their first loss.

Kosmina was at the helm of Newcastle Breakers in Glory's inaugural season (1996/97) when his side defeated Glory 2-0 in Round 17; it was the first time the Perth side failed to score at home. In Round 19 of season 1997/98, Kosmina's Newcastle side was victorious 4-3 with Reece Tollanaere netting hat trick. His only blemish came last season when Glory whipped the Queenslanders 6-0 and substitute Bobby Despotovski scored a second-half triple.

"The result is very disappointing, especially when we had an opportunity to go third on the ladder" said Stange. "The difference between Perth and Brisbane was they took their chances while we missed ours."

Stange was then forced to defend his actions of using a lone striker in a peculiar 3-3-3-1 formation after a media representative suggested it was a negative move - especially in front of 14,077 home supporters.

"It's not negative because we had three behind the one. But because we lost the game, I guess it becomes easy to say it was negative."

Glory's woes have been compounded by the news Despotovski may be sidelined for a couple of weeks with an ankle injury. Vas Kalogeracos replaced Despotovski at the break but he didn't play with the same tenacity.

Con Boutsianis received a cork late in the game although he is expected to be fit in time for this Friday's clash at Parramatta. Perth's only shining light from the weekend's encounter was the long-awaited debut of Kasey Wehrman, ironically against his previous club.

"I was satisfied with my performance considering I've been out for three months, but obviously disappointed with the result," he said. "I'm confident we will bounce back, but we need to show more commitment and be more aggressive."

The Strikers were ahead after just six minutes when Peter Dwyer headed a David Pilic centre high into the net past Tony Franken's left hand.

Despotovski was handed an equalising opportunity just two minutes later when his shot went the wrong side of Clint Bolton's left hand upright, with Matthew Bell and Nick Meredith screaming at the linesman for what they believed was originally an offside infringement.

Teenage sensation Ivan Ergic had a day he would also prefer to forget.

In the 36th minute he was put goalbound only to direct a tame shot into the welcome hands of Bolton when he attempted a lob.

Seven minutes further on however, Glory were back on level terms when Despotovski guided a quality Con Boutsianis left-side byline ball into the net.

Ergic should have put Glory ahead in the final seconds of the opening half, when he had the goal at his mercy after rounding the 'keeper. His final touch however, rocked the side-netting.

The second half was only five minutes old when Paul Foster forced a Nick Meredith free-kick into the net to restore Brisbane's lead.

Kalogeracos was presented with one of the game's easiest scoring chances eight minutes later, but the bantam forward allowed a Boutsianis left-side centre to pass through his legs which caused a loud cry of anguish from the crowd.

Frustration then got the better of Kalogeracos when a clumsy tackle on Meredith immediately after the miss forced referee Brett Hugo to award him with a yellow card.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 1  
**AUCKLAND KINGZ** 2

By John Economos

THE AUCKLAND KINGZ, the National League's fledgling side, last Sunday night stunned the high flying Sydney Olympic in their very own back yard at the Belmore Sports Ground with a sound and hard worked 1-2 victory.

The New Zealanders' victory not only enabled them to edge up two notches on the League ladder, but they displayed enough improvement to signal that they will threaten to keep steadily climbing up.

The Kiwis with some powerful and quick tackling, choked Olympic's midfield that in turn paralysed, then starved any quality ball service of reaching their twin strikers of Pablo Cardozo and Zlatko Arambasic.

Playing a 4-4-2 formation including a sweeper in Che Bunce, the Kingz slowly but surely absorbed everything that Olympic could throw at them.

The Kingz industrious midfield quartet of Chris Jackson, Levent Osman, Harry Ngata and Dino Mennillo ceaselessly toiled away to restrict Olympic from scoring until just 10 minutes from the end when leading striker Pablo Cardozo levelled the scoreline with a penalty following a foul on substitute Chris Kalantzis.

The Kingz shocked Olympic when they suddenly grabbed the lead in the 79th minute after Chris Jackson had scooted down the left and cut back a ball to central midfielder and the Kingz' captain Harry Ngata.

With an extremely fierce strike from almost 25 metres and right in front, the Kiwi skipper Ngata hit and bulged the target with a violent rising rocket.

Sixty seconds later Cardozo 'balanced the books' much to the relief of the Olympic fans at the other end through his well placed penalty which sent the Kingz' keeper Jason Batty flying to his right, which was the wrong way.

Six minutes from the bell saw Mennillo bend his free kick to the centre-box where the loosely marked stopper Ivan Vicelich got up to crash his header into Olympic's net that ultimately cemented for the Kiwis all three League points, their first 'triple' on Australian soil.

The first session, a dour one indeed, saw the Kiwis quickly cancel out whatever Olympic had feebly attempted, and it was not surprising that the session ended scoreless.

Six minutes from the break the ball spilled out to the left where the Kingz' attacking left midfielder Dino Mennillo rifled his left footed drive from an angle 20 metres out that skimmed the horizontal.

After halftime Olympic seemed injected with some life as Cardozo, Gabriel Mendez and even Brett Emerton came more into focus.

But despite their upgraded efforts Olympic failed to gather dividends as a very well and tightly organised Kingz absorbed all of Olympic's poundings.

In the 76th minute the Kiwis more than hinted that they were not here for a dour draw as central midfielder Levent Osman pushed upfield to meet a Robbie Middleby cross from the right.

Osman's cracking left footed volley crashed onto the upright.

Shane Rufer, the Auckland Kingz' co-coach later commented: "The second half was a totally different game. The whole team (Kingz) played well as we contained them for long periods. We had a couple of nice strikes on goal."

"Both sides tried to play football but on chances we deserved to win. We had fully expected the fact that one of their defenders would be pushing up and we hoped to capitalise on this factor. As we cut out our individual errors, we will get better and stronger."

Meanwhile, Sydney Olympic's coach Branko Culina confessed: "They (Kingz) played well and were competitive as we were not competitive and we did not deserve any better. Had we got a draw it would have been an injustice to the Kingz. You must give credit to the Kingz. We wanted to make sure we didn't give them a chance to get into the game but they were more committed."

**SYDNEY UNITED** 1  
**ADELAIDE FORCE** 0

By Joe Russo

A disappointing game which never rose to any great heights in front of another poor home crowd of only 3 987. There were simply no excuses for such a poor following as it was a splendid afternoon and there was quality opposition on display.

For Adelaide Force it certainly is back to the drawing board after this game but for Sydney United they have every right to feel good about their performance and for the first time this year they were able to maintain a clean sheet.

Coach David Ratcliffe after the game was certainly elated at the result and more in particular, the fact they had kept a clean sheet for the first time this season.

"It was time to get a clean sheet," he said. "With Mario Jerman suspended, we didn't concede and I thought that we defended well."

"It was a good goal which had a good move and good conclusion."

While certainly reluctant to single anyone out, he conceded that Zec always worked hard and that he ran himself into the ground.

On the other hand it was obvious the disappointment from his opposite number Zoran Matic.

Always one to speak his mind, Matic admitted "that we played only five minutes and that five minutes can't win a game".

"They (Sydney United) chased, they tackled and they deserved to win. It only goes from tough to tougher from here."

This obviously alluded to their home clash next week against current champions South Melbourne. On the whole, it was a game which provided very few goal mouth chances.

The only goal of the game coming in the 30th minute after some excellent lead-up work from Ante Moric and Matthew Zec.

The play was well finished by Nahuel Arrarte from inside the penalty box. It was a class goal involving some equally classy lead-up work.

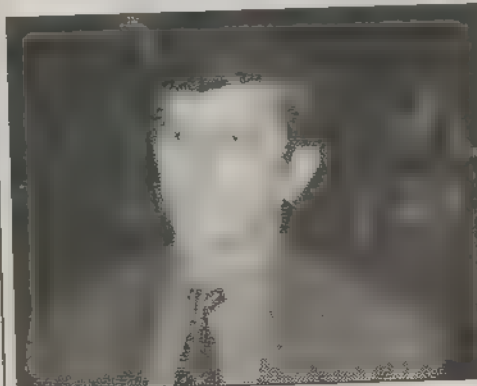
The closest Adelaide got to the Sydney United goal was in the 45th minute when Damian Mori headed straight to keeper Brett Hughes in his debut for the home side.

Tom Pondeljak had good chances for Sydney United in the 51st and 57th minutes. The first was a great shot which was only slightly too high, while the second involved some excellent lead-up work from Ray Younis and Zec.

However his final shot was once again too high. Adelaide came alive when the horse, in this case the game, was well and truly bolted.

In the 85th and 87th minutes, crosses by Matthew Kemp found Mori in the area, however keeper Hughes saved the former, while the latter was just a little off target.

Adelaide Force must now re-group and face South Melbourne at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday night, while Sydney United have a road trip and face the Canberra Cosmos on Monday night at Bruce Stadium.



Adelaide Force coach Zoran Matic

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES** 3  
**NORTHERN SPIRIT** 0

By Otto Bader

In front of 5123 spectators, the Wolves recorded an emphatic win, dominating play throughout the match. The first goal came within 18 seconds when Saso Petrovski scored.

He netted again in the 33rd minute with Stuart Young adding his first goal at home in the 62nd minute.

In the press conference attended by both club coaches Nick Theodorakopoulos and Graham Arnold, the mood was sombre. The Northern Spirit coach was very disappointed with the result and questioned the hard work being invested to bond the team together with some big names not performing to expectations.

With striker Tony Perinich still injured plus Robbie Slater and Matthew Bingley both out, the coach was forced to bring back 37 year old Ian Crook, a proven performer coming to the end of his days.

Graham Arnold said he would not take the field again since his body does not digest the punishment and after each outing he suffers extremely. He said he will bring more youngsters into the team.

The Wolves coach was modest in his triumph saying he would not be carried away despite a top performance by his players.

He had striker Esala Masi and David Huxley out suspended and replaced ably by Noel Spencer and Saso Petrovski. Spirit made it easier for his side by not playing up to potential.

Theodorakopoulos said the league needs a club like the Spirit with true blue supporters. It is a testing time for them and he pointed out he was in a similar situation himself and had to dig deep.

The match started at a fast pace with Wollongong surprising the Spirit defence within seconds, scoring the first goal in the first minute when a quickly released ball from Scott Chipperfield found Saso Petrovski who touched the ball past the advancing keeper for 1-0.

The opposition did not stay back and Spirit striker Abbas Saad glanced a powerful header in the 14th minute just over the cross bar. Their cheer squad on the hill behind the Wolves goal had their colours spread out and were in full voice.

It took a while until the Wolves earned their first corner with the Spirit having their first corner early in the match.

Troy Cranney headed a ball just over in the 19th minute and the game was there for the taking.

However the Wolves showed speed, breaking quickly and putting pressure on the opposition.

Youngster Paul Reid from the home side deserved better when his powerful header in the 19th minute shaved the upright and in the 30th minute Saso Petrovski had the opportunity to increase the score, right in front when the ball cut back to him across the goal.

With Spirit's Abbas Saad always a threat to the home side's goal, the Wolves broke again quickly and before the opposition could settle Saso Petrovski took a long hit ball, neatly chipping the advancing keeper John Perosh for 2-0.

Actually from there on, the Wolves had several great chances again with Saso Petrovski and Stuart Young to lift the score but both missing narrowly. On the Wollongong side keeper Les Pogliacomi was always safe in his handling of low and high balls.

Noel Spencer should have done better after a fine pass from Saso Petrovski in the 41st minute.

Overall the first half belonged to the home team despite several reshuffling of positions in the Northern side to add more pressure on the home side. Central defender David Cervinski was solid in the Wolves defence block.

In the second half Northern Spirit made several changes and took off Matthew Langdon, Mark Rudan, Paul Bilokapic and replaced them with Phill Moss, Anthony Faria and Sean Cranney. The side worked out several good moves but the final finish let them down.

Wollongong made some changes in the later part of the game. In the 86th minute Stuart Young made way for Sasho Dimovski and in the 83rd minute Noel Spencer made way for Anthony Surjan with youngster Paul Dimech coming on for George Souris in the 79th minute.

The Wolves lost some loose balls nevertheless, but scored in the 62nd minute their third goal, a fine header by striker Stuart Young off a cross from Scott Chipperfield.

Several more opportunities were wasted by both sides. The Wollongong defence cleared a ball on the line after conceding two corners in the row.

Wolves dynamic youngster Paul Reid hit a powerful drive just over the cross bar in the 76th minute with the crowd crying out for more goals. The tempo never slowed down and the Wolves were always cautious, concentrating on the job of securing the three points.

All in all three minute extra time was added and even then the Wolves could have scored another goal, never letting Northern Spirit rest.

Man of the Match was Scott Chipperfield, a provider for many chances for his strikers. A well deserved win for the Wolves, wildly cheered off the field by the large crowd, thankfully appreciated by the players.

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# NATIONAL LEAGUE

Total

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Away

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
BRISBANE STRIKERS	6	5	1	0	11	5	3	2	1	0	7	4	3	3	0	0	4	1
CARLTON	6	4	2	0	12	2	3	2	1	0	5	2	3	2	1	0	7	0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	6	3	2	1	10	5	3	0	2	1	4	5	3	3	0	0	6	0
MARCONI STALLIONS	6	3	2	1	11	11	2	1	0	1	2	4	4	2	2	0	9	7
SOUTH MELBOURNE	6	3	0	3	9	5	3	3	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	3	1	5
PERTH GLORY	6	2	3	1	9	6	3	0	2	1	4	5	3	2	1	0	5	1
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	6	2	3	1	11	11	3	2	0	1	5	5	3	0	3	0	6	6
AUCKLAND KINGZ	6	2	2	2	8	10	3	1	1	1	4	6	3	1	1	1	4	4
CANBERRA COSMOS	6	2	1	3	7	7	4	1	1	2	4	3	2	1	0	1	3	4
SYDNEY UNITED	6	2	1	3	5	7	4	2	0	2	4	5	2	0	1	1	1	2
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	6	1	3	2	9	9	3	0	2	1	5	6	3	1	1	1	4	3
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	6	1	3	2	4	7	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	0	2	1	2	5
PARRAMATTA POWER	6	1	2	3	8	11	4	1	2	1	6	6	2	0	0	2	2	5
ADELAIDE FORCE	6	1	2	3	3	7	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	0	1	3	1	6
NORTHERN SPIRIT	6	1	1	4	4	10	2	0	0	2	0	3	4	1	1	2	4	7
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	6	1	0	5	3	11	3	1	0	2	1	4	3	0	0	3	2	7

## Newcastle Breakers

(J Buonavoglia 63, T Dodd 65)

## Marconi Stallions

(Z Babic 14, C Trajanovski 65, D Invincible 84)

Venue: Breakers Stadium Crowd: 4,473 Referee: M Breeze

Cautions: McDonald (MS) 14, Roberts (NB) 52, Wiczorek (NB) 60, Babic (MS) 82.

Teams: Newcastle Breakers: Catlin, Pryce, Roberts, McManus, Sprod, Dodd (uchniwicz 85), Wilson, Buonavoglia, Wiczorek (Tancheski 63), Trpceviski (Angleviski 78), Harper

Marconi Stallions: Turnbull, Gibson, Farah, McDonald, Babic, Maloney (Marchesini 79), Smith, Invincible, Renaud, Care, Tranjanovski (Zoric 85)

## Parramatta Power

(J Griffiths 61)

## Gippsland Falcons

(W Hastie 81)

Venue: Parramatta Stadium Crowd: 4,067 Referee: C Diomis

Cautions: Kakos (GF) 28, Griffiths (PP) 79, Angelucci (PP) 85, Nilo (GF) 86.

Teams: Parramatta Power: Crews, Barrett, Eagleton (Angelucci 58), Plesa, Burns, Sterjovski, Griffiths, Berry (Townsend 87), Blagojevic, Elrich, Gibson.

Gippsland Falcons: Jevdjovic, Fak, Gotis, Durakovic, Vargas, Bell (Savage 11), Puca, Kakos (MacNicol 82), Marcina, Nilo, Hastie.

## LEADING

## GOALSCORERS

P Foster	(Brisbane Strikers)	5
Z Babic	(Marconi Stallions)	4
C Boutsianis	(Perth Glory)	4
M Curcija	(Sth Melbourne)	4
A Marth	(Carlton SC)	4
D Watkins	(Canberra Cosmos)	4
P Cardozo	(Sydney Olympic)	4
J Buonavoglia	(Newcastle Breakers)	3
B Despotovski	(Perth Glory)	3
J Griffiths	(Parramatta Power)	3
P Dwyer	(Brisbane Strikers)	3
A Moreira	(Carlton SC)	3
S Petrovski	(Wollongong Wolves)	3
P Bennett	(Parramatta Power)	2
F De Jong	(Auckland Kingz)	2
C Gibson	(Marconi Stallions)	2
M Jerman	(Sydney United)	2
E Masi	(Wollongong Wolves)	2
D Mori	(Adelaide Force)	2

## Carlton SC

(Moreira 11, A Thompson 86)

## Canberra Cosmos

Venue: Olympic Park Crowd: 2,677 Referee: D Rugg

Cautions: Lapsansky (CSC) 30, Winnie (CC) 49, Milin (CC) 53, Burt (CC) 65, De Jesus (CC) 90.

Teams: Carlton SC: Anastasiadis, McPherson, Deans, Douglas, Marth, Atkinson, Moreira (Thompson 59), Lapsansky (Y30), Conroy, Markovski (Terminello 79), Packer

Canberra Cosmos: Barlow, Milin, Popovich, Burt (Prenzoski 71), Polak, Winnie (49), Watkins, Musitano, Hamilton, Hooker, DeJesus.

## Sydney United

(N Arrarte 30)

## Adelaide Force

Venue: Sydney Utd Sports Centre Crowd: 3,987 Referee: J Blaney

Cautions: Veart (AF) 3, Kim (AF) 36, Vidmar (AF) 58, Zelic (AF) 62, Pelosi (AF) 66.

Teams: Sydney United: Hughes, Younis, Kupresak, Bosnar, Savoca, Arrarte, A. Moric (Deak 65), Pondeljaj, Zec (Racker 80), Rastall, J. Moric.

Adelaide Force: Knezevic, Zelic, Mori, Veart (Day 63), Sabljak, Vidmar, Cartwright (Kemp 76), Costanzo, Hassell, Pelosi, Kim.

## South Melbourne

(J Anastasiadis 58, V Coveny 70, 82)

## Melbourne Knights

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium Crowd: 7,963 Referee: B Precious

Cautions: Clarkson (SM) 7, Susa (MK) 14, Trupkovic (MK) 52, Magnacca (SM) 67.

Teams: South Melbourne: Udvaracz, Iosifidis, DeAmicis, Orlic, Blatsis, Clarkson (Goutzioulis 66), Panopoulos, Curcija, Anastasiadis (Coveny 66), Magnacca (Y67), Tsekinis (Liparoti 83).

Melbourne Knights: John, Magdic, Kovacevic, Nastevski, Trupkovic (Urlovic, 83), Barini, Kiratzoglou (Vassallo 69), Vargas, Susa, Reda, Cervinski.

## Perth Glory

(B Despotovski 42)

## Brisbane Strikers

(P Dwyer 6, P Foster 50)

Venue: Perth Oval Crowd: 14,077 Referee: B Hugo

Cautions: Meredith (BS) 18, Harnwell (PG) 18, McClaren (BS) 31, Kalogeracos (PG) 57, Foster (BS) 74, Boutsianis (PG) 80.

Teams: Perth Glory: Franken, Trajkovski (Afkos 76), Harnwell, Naven, Miller, Halpin, Despotovski (Kalogeracos 46), Wehrman, Boutsianis, Carbone, Ergic.

Brisbane Strikers: Bolton, Davidson, Bell, Ditton, Pilic, Foster, Dwyer (Baldwin 83), McLaren, Grierson, Harris, Meredith.

## Wollongong Wolves

(S Petrovski 1, 33, S Young 62)

## Northern Spirit

Venue: Brandon Park Crowd: 5,123 Referee: E Lennie

Cautions: Ruda (NS) 42, Bilokapic (NS) 43, S Young (WW) 85

Teams: Wollongong Wolves: Pogliamcomi, Souris (Dimech 79), Stanton, Cervinski, Horsley, Reid, Young (Dimoski 86), Chipperfield, Harlock, Spencer (Surjan 83), Petrovski.

Northern Spirit: Peroosh, Enes, Langdon (S Cranney 62), Rudan (Moss 45), Casserly, Seal, T Cranney, Bilokapic (Faria 55), Sobczyk, Saad, Crook.

## ROUND SEVEN

Friday 12 November

Auckland Kingz v Wollongong Wolves

Jade Stadium 7.30pm (Local time)

Adelaide Force v South Melbourne

Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm (Local time)

Parramatta Power v Perth Glory

Parramatta Stadium 7.30pm

Saturday 13 November

Brisbane Strikers v Carlton SC

Suncorp Metway Stadium 7pm

Gippsland Falcons v Sydney Olympic

Falcons Stadium 7pm

Marconi Stallions v Northern spirit

Marconi Stadium 7pm

Sunday 13 November

Melbourne Knights v Newcastle Breakers

Knights Stadium 6pm

Monday 13 November

Canberra Cosmos v Sydney United



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Top Row (Left to Right): Christian Care, Chad Gibson, Darren McDonald, Brendan Renaud, Brett Hugl  
Middle Row (Left to Right): Slavko Njegus (Asst. & Goalkeeper Coach), Joe Mirigliani (Massuer), Buddy Fa  
Mark Crittenden  
Front Row (Left to Right): Mark Babic, Vlado Zoric, Francis Awaritefe, Eddie Krncev





[Recently signed for Sydney United], David Aceski, Mike Smith, Pierluigi Di Gia, Kris Trajanovski.  
 rah, Harry Karl, Danny Invincible, Zeljko Babic, Pan-Keun Kim, Paolo Marchesini, Stan Ivancic (Physio),  
 (Gear Steward)  
 ic (Coach), Brad Maloney (Capt), Dominic Longo, Anthony Crea (Fitness Adviser).



# National Youth League

## NORTHERN DIVISION (ROUND 6)

Friday 5 November

Newcastle Breakers .....3	Marconi Stallions .....0
(Johnson 21, Wheeler 58, Rufo 87)	
N.S.W.I.S .....3	A.I.S. ....0
(Gavaghan 12, Holman 55, 87)	

Saturday 6 November

Sydney United .....3	Sydney United Colts .....0
(Sarić 4, Lo Protto 53, Jurilj 63)	

Sunday 7 November

Sydney Olympic .....1	Northern Spirit Colts .....1
(Miot 85)	(Majurovski 40)
Wollongong Wolves .....0	Northern Spirit .....1
	(Macrae 42)

Marconi Stallions Colts .....0	A.C.T.A.S. ....3
(Veljanovski 37, 74, D. Aliffi 80)	

Newcastle Breakers Colts ....1	Sydney Olympic Academy ....3
(Tomich 3 pen)	(Parisi 53, 82, 88)

Wollongong Wolves Colts v Q.A.S.  
(To be played on Friday 21 April 2000)

Bye - Parramatta Power

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
A.I.S.	6	5	0	1	26	4	15
Parramatta Power	5	5	0	0	19	1	15
Northern Spirit	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Sydney Olympic	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
Northern Spirit Colts	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
A.C.T.A.S.	5	2	2	1	10	11	8
Q.A.S.	4	2	1	1	15	5	7
N.S.W.I.S.	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Sydney Olympic Academy	4	2	0	2	10	14	6
Wollongong Wolves	5	2	0	3	3	7	6
Newcastle Breakers	6	2	0	4	4	9	6
Sydney United	3	1	1	1	3	9	4
Sydney United Colts	6	1	1	4	7	14	4
Marconi Stallions	3	1	0	2	2	9	3
Wollongong Wolves Colts	4	0	1	3	4	14	1
Marconi Stallions Colts	4	0	1	3	0	11	1
Newcastle Breakers Colts	5	0	0	5	4	14	0

By Theo Katsaros

The action kicked off on Friday night when the Newcastle Breakers scored a convincing three-nil win over the Marconi Stallions. The home side, who have found it difficult to find

the net this season had no such problems at Breakers Stadium. The opener came after 21 minutes via Mitchell Johnson.

A second half penalty by Paul Wheeler in the 58th minute and a late strike by Joshua Rufo sealed the victory. The final minute sending off of Victor Tomasevic completed a miserable night for the Stallions.

The home ground advantage saw the N.S.W.I.S. upset the league leaders the A.I.S. by three goals to nil. Peter Gavaghan got the ball rolling after just 12 minutes with his first goal of the season. In the second half, Brett Holman grabbed a double to secure the Institute's second win. Holman's first came after 55 minutes. He had to wait another half an hour before grabbing his second, which finally arrived after 87 minutes. To add insult to injury, the A.I.S. were reduced to ten men a minute from time when Mark Graham was sent off for a second bookable offence.

The Sydney United Youth team also recorded a convincing three-nil victory over the Sydney United Colts outfit. The Colts who are currently above the Youth team on the ladder had no answer to their more experienced counterparts. After a scoreless first half, the Youth took control of the match with three goals in the space of 16 minutes. Tom Sarić broke the deadlock after 47 minutes. Allan Lo Protto, who has progressed to the Youth team via the Colts, found the net six minutes later before Mirko Jurilj ended the scoring after 63 minutes. The third player to be sent off in Round 6 was Paul Mirosevic of the Sydney United Youth who lasted only 12 minutes after coming on as a substitute in the 72nd minute.

The A.C.T.A.S. defeated the Marconi Stallions Colts by the same scoreline. The boys from the nation's capital travelled to Marconi Stadium and easily accounted for their opponents. The three-nil result included a double for Goran Veljanovski who struck either side of the break. Daniel Aliffi registered the final goal after 80 minutes.

At Brandon Park, the Wollongong Wolves entertained the Northern Spirit. The combatants were separated by one point on the ladder and a close encounter was expected. The match lived up to all expectations and a single goal was decisive. Todd Macrae found the net just before the break for the Spirit who took all three points.

Despite the dismissal of Mark Nicholson in the 2nd minute for a dangerous tackle, the Newcastle Breakers Colts took the lead over the Sydney Olympic Academy after just 3 minutes. Luke Tomich was brought down in the box to earn the home side a penalty and then stepped up to score his third goal of the season. The Breakers held on to their slender lead at the break but found it too difficult to keep the Olympians at bay after the interval. In particular, Franco Parisi was unstoppable and he was rewarded with a second half hat-trick. He equalised on 53 minutes and made it 2-1 after 82 minutes. Parisi ended any hope of a late fight back with his third strike two minutes from time. The three-one result condemned the Breakers to their fifth successive

defeat.

Sydney Olympic played host to the Northern Spirit Colts at Belmore Sports Ground. The visitors led after John Majurovski scored on 40 minutes. The second half was highlighted by countless near misses by Olympic before Lee Miot snatched a late equaliser. The 85th minute goal ensured that the points were shared.

### ROUND 7

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1999

Parramatta Power v Wollongong Wolves Colts  
(Parramatta Power Stadium - 5.30pm)

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1999

Sydney United Colts v Newcastle Breakers Colts  
(Sydney United Sports Centre - 4.00pm)

Q.A.S. v Marconi Stallions Colts  
(Suncorp Metway Stadium - 4.45pm)

Marconi Stallions v N.S.W.I.S.  
(Marconi Stadium - 5.00pm)

A.I.S. v Sydney Olympic  
(A.I.S. Soccer Field - 7.00pm)

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 1999

Sydney Olympic Academy v Newcastle Breakers  
(Wentworth Park - 4.00pm)

MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 1999

A.C.T.A.S. v Sydney United  
(Bruce Stadium - 5.00pm)

Northern Spirit Colts v Wollongong Wolves  
(North Sydney Oval - 7.00pm)

Bye - Northern Spirit

### LEADING SCORERS

Elias Demourtzidis	A.I.S.	7
Russell Miner	Q.A.S.	5
Kevo Gulesserian	A.I.S.	5
Daniel Aliffi	A.C.T.A.S.	3
Goran Veljanovski	A.C.T.A.S.	3
Grant Last	A.I.S.	3
Daniel Vasilevski	A.I.S.	3
Luke Tomich	Newcastle Breakers Colts	3
Daniel Kukucka	Parramatta Power	3
Patrick Gatt	Parramatta Power	3
Damian Pisano	Sydney Olympic	3
Franco Parisi	Sydney Olympic Academy	3

## SOUTHERN DIVISION (ROUND 3)

Saturday 6 November 1999

Albury Wodonga .....3	Gippsland Falcons .....5
(Adam Griffith, David Martin, Mitchell Jones)	(Igor Stojanac 2, Shane Casar, Denis Mustec, Alex McDermid)

Preston Lions .....0	Fawkner Blues .....4
(Goalscorers not available)	

Sunday 7 November 1999

South Melbourne .....5	Melbourne Knights .....0
(Andrew Mashoian 3, Tass Psonis, Bons Ovcin)	
Melbourne Knights Academy ..1	Carlton .....3
(Andrej Majer)	(Isayim Erdogan, Nick Tolios, Steve Martin)

Bulleen Inter .....0	VIS .....4
	(Ricky Chillico, David Terek, Mark Tsiorlas, Naum Sekulovski)

South Dandenong v Bye

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlton	3	3	0	0	12	2	9
Melbourne Knights	3	2	0	1	17	8	6
VIS	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Gippsland Falcons	2	2	0	0	7	4	6
Bulleen Inter Kings	3	2	0	1	3	5	6
Fawkner Blues	3	1	2	0	6	2	5
South Melbourne	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
South Dandenong	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Albury Wodonga	3	0	1	2	6	14	1
Melbourne Knights Academy	3	0	0	3	2	6	0
Preston Lions	3	0	0	3	1	18	0

### ROUND 4

Saturday 13 November 1999

Gippsland Falcons v VIS, (Falcons Stadium, 4 pm)

Preston Lions v Bulleen Inter, (Hosken Reserve, 4 pm)

Albury Wodonga v Carlton, (Myrtleford, 4 pm)

Sunday 14 November 1999

Melbourne Knights v South Dandenong, (Knights Stadium, 3.30 pm)

Fawkner Blues v Bye

Wednesday 5 April 2000

South Melbourne v Melbourne Knights Academy,  
(Bob Jane Stadium, 5 pm)

By Roy Hay

In an extraordinary game at Bob Jane Stadium, South Melbourne beat Melbourne Knights by five goals to nil. Coming into the match the Blues had lost both opening games conceding five goals and scoring one, while the Knights had won two, scoring 17 and giving away only three.

When striker Jovanco Novacevski was sent off for allegedly punching an opponent one might have expected the Knights to run away with the game, but it was South Melbourne which dominated the match thereafter.

The early stages had seen Jasmin Sehic and Anthony Pelikan sting the fingers of South keeper Chris Jones, but then Andrew Mashoian found himself unmarked in the Knights penalty area when Mustapha Mustapha picked him out with a cross. Mashoian's header looped over Dale Barbuto to put South ahead in 12 minutes.

Then came the Novacevski incident and there was no further score in the first half. Eight minutes after the break, Mashoian came in from the right and though Barbuto got a hand to the shot he could not prevent it squirming slowly over the line.

Two minutes later former VIS midfielder Boris Ovcin powered down the left beating two players and finishing sweetly. Mashoian completed his hat-trick when he held off Abbas Toyin after 79 minutes. Then in injury time substitute Adam Poole cut the ball back for Tass Psonis to score the fifth goal.

Last week South Melbourne coach John Kennedy said it would take his large squad about two or three weeks to hit its straps, but even he could not have forecast this turnaround.

Carlton continued on its winning way with a three-one win over Melbourne Knights Academy. Steve Martin opened the scoring and

Isayim Erdogan made it two before the Academy took advantage of sloppiness in the Carlton defence to pull a goal back through Andre Majer.

The Academy kept up the pressure in the second half, and Hrvoje Matkovic hit the post and Jason Vukadin had a couple of chances, but Carlton sealed the match with a late free kick by Nick Tolios.

The Victorian Institute of Sport recorded a four-nil victory away to Bulleen, with two goals in each half. Ricky Chillico scored first and David Terek added a second.

Bulleen came out fired up for the second half and was very competitive until Mark Tsiorlas scored against his old club. Naum Sekulovski added the fourth late in the game. Denis Vucinic in midfield and Daniel Rocco in defence were important contributors for the winners.

Gippsland Falcons beat Albury Wodonga at Alexandra Park in the wind and rain by five goals to three. Adam Griffith, David Martin and Mitchell Jones were on target for Albury Wodonga, while for Gippsland Igor Stojanac scored two and the others were singles to Shane Casar, Denis Mustec and Alex McDermid.

Fawkner Blues thumped Preston Lions by four goals to nil, but the goalscorers were not available at time of writing.

Fitim Ibrahim scored the penalty goal for South Dandenong in its two-one loss to Gippsland Falcons last week.

### LEADING SCORERS

Angelo Motsopoulos	Carlton	4
Josip Loncaric	Melbourne Knights	4
Anthony Pelikan	Melbourne Knights	4
Carmelo Impiombato	Melbourne Knights	3
David Martin	Albury Wodonga	3
Andrew Mashoian	South Melbourne	3



# National Youth League

PICTURE SPECIAL BY ROY HAY



Midfield action between Carlton and South Melbourne in the NYL Southern Division. Carlton triumphed 4-1.



Adrian Cagalj the Carlton keeper grabs the ball as Andrew Masholan of South Melbourne rushes in. Carlton won 4-1.



Brandon Vassallo (left) of Melbourne Knights Academy holds off Simon Storey of the Victorian Institute of Sport. The VIS held on to win 1-0.



# AUSSIES ABROAD

Luke Wilshire is 17 years of age and currently plays in the youth team of leading English Premier League club Middlesbrough FC. Originally Luke was from the town of Albion Park, which is south of Wollongong on the south coast of New South Wales.

By Ken Kennedy\*

What is your playing history?

1986-87 Shellharbour Soccer Club  
1988-91 Albion Park Soccer Club  
1992-94 Illawarra Rep Soccer  
1995-96 Wollongong Wolves  
1997 NSW Institute of Sport  
1997-98 Australian Institute of Sport  
1999 Middlesbrough Football club

What about your representative honours?

1993 Schoolboys State Team  
1996-97 NSW State Teams

How did you get the chance to play for Middlesbrough and what are your goals?

Through a "big brother" scholarship which I received through the NSW Academy system. I was given \$4000 to pay for my airfares and accommodation, then set up a club (Middlesbrough) to train with. The scholarship was to give us young players a look at what it is like to play professionally. It was then when Boro were interested in me.

My main goal is to play first team football in the FA Premier League and obviously to play for my country, Australia.

How hard has it been to leave home and head overseas on your own?

Not all that hard really. I had been living away from home for a year already at the AIS and I'm one who enjoys living away from home. However, you do miss not seeing your family and friends but you get over it. At the end of the day it's all worth it. It's just one of the many sacrifices that you have to make.

With the transition from a part-time player to a full time player...how difficult has it been?

It hasn't been difficult. It's probably made it easier for me as now I don't have the hassles of schooling or needing casual or part time work to get some money. It enables me to just concentrate on my football.

Do the training methods differ much from here in Australia?

They differ a little. They (English clubs) play more small-sided games and there is a lot more shooting practice. But there are still the same basic techniques used there as there is here, such as long balls, volleying, heading etc.

What adjustments have you had to make?

The main adjustments are having to adapt to their style of play, which is a lot faster and more



Luke Wilshire: Biding his time in Middlesbrough's youth team.

physical but I feel I have adjusted quite well to that. The only other major adjustments are living adjustments but I have been put up with a great family who have treated me very well. So I have had no troubles in that area.

Is there a lot of time spent on individual skill work?

There is usually one or two sessions a week which are based on skill work, such as techniques of long balls or chipping or whatever.

What type of skill training do they focus on?

They focus on long balls, shooting and heading mostly.

Are there a lot of small sided games built into your training sessions e.g. 2 on 3, 7 on 5?

Yes there are a lot of small sided games built into training. They tend to be 5 v 5 and 7 v 7 and they tend to focus on shooting and scoring goals in them.

How does the fitness of a player here in Australia compare to the level of players playing in the Youth Premier League in the

U.K?

The fitness of players are quite similar both here and there. You need to be able to last the FULL 90 minutes which most if not all usually do.

How much time is spent on conditioning?

Usually one or two sessions per week during the season, but apparently in preseason it's every day.

Would you give some examples of the conditioning work you do?

Long 20 to 40 minute runs or a circuit like workout with activities.

Are you expected or encouraged to do extra work by yourself?

We are encouraged a little but I think it should be stressed a lot more as it is very important. The AIS stressed it to us players and it did a lot for us. It's good to do individuals to improve on your weaker foot and to polish up on your good foot, you can always improve on something!

Do you have a set weight programme? If so how many sessions per week?

Yes, two sessions a week must be done and you

have access to the gym at the club so you can always do more if necessary.

Speed plays a key role in soccer, what sort of sprint training do you do and how many sessions per week?

We do plyometrics and technique work for speed and some sprint drills — usually one to two times per week.

Is there work done on support play e.g. the player without the ball getting into a better position?

Yes there is, but not often.

At what time and how many training sessions do you do per week?

It varies on when games are etc. but usually

Monday - 2 sessions at 10am and 1.30pm, Tuesday - 1 session at 10am, Wednesday - 2 sessions at 10am and 1.30pm, Thursday - College, Friday - 1 session at 10am.

How many games do you play per week?

It varies, but usually one but occasionally you have a catch up game or a youth cup match or whatever and you may play two or even three times a week.

Would you give us a breakdown of the week's activities?

Monday - possibly small sided games, practise shooting and do some weights.

Tuesday - split up and work separately — midfielders, defenders, strikers.

Wednesday - small sided games, shooting and weights.

Friday - team play, free kicks etc

What about diet, is there any time spent on this part of your training?

No not really. We may have a lecture once in a while about it. If someone is overweight they are then sent to the dietitian. As a professional you should follow a correct dietary plan yourself.

Do you spend any time on motivation and goal setting at your level?

Yes, motivation and goal setting are very important at any level, especially mine. If you're lacking motivation your game will drop immensely and without a goal you have nothing to strive for, nothing to really play for. Whether it is to make the first team or just to win your next game, you need some sort of goal. It can be short or long term or both.

Is there any advice that you can give to a young player who would like to travel overseas to play soccer?

Yes, just go for it! Give it your all and don't let anyone get in your way. Stay focused on what YOU want and live out your dream!

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## Contract, transfer, injury and suspension news

Former West Ham United and Reading goalkeeper **STEVE MAUTONE** will not have his three-month contract with Wolverhampton Wanderers extended following its expiration last week.

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Former Adelaide Force goalkeeper **JASON PETKOVIC** has completed a short trial with English first division club Charlton Athletic.

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Singaporean press reports have former Adelaide Sharks striker **ALEX DURIC** verbally agreeing to play with Tanjong Pagar United next year while former Perth boy **DOUG ITHIER** will be a part of a clear-out at Marine Castle United.

...

Coventry City striker **JOHN ALOISI** will spend the next six weeks strengthening the muscles around a damaged tendon located

behind his knee.

...

Sanfrece Hiroshima defender **TONY POPOVIC** will be out-of-action for the next four weeks due to a calf injury.

...

Crystal Palace's former Marconi and Adelaide Force midfielder **CRAIG FOSTER** has made his comeback from a long-term knee

injury, playing in a reserves match.

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In news from Hibernian, **STUART LOVELL** is currently sidelined through injury.

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The top Aussie goalscorers around the globe at the moment are **MARK VIDUKA** (Celtic) 14, Brian Bothwell (Brunei) 13, Alex Duric (Tanjong Pagar United) 11, Ernie Tapai (Home United) 7, Tony

Popovic (Sanfrece Hiroshima) 6, Harry Kewell (Leeds United) 5, Tim Cahill (Millwall) 5, Darren Stewart (Balestier Central) 5

...

Congratulations to Sheffield United's Aussie player **SHAUN MURPHY** who celebrated his 29th birthday last Friday and to **MARK SCHWARZER** and his wife Paloma on the birth of their first child.



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Have you had your photo taken with someone famous in soccer? Even if it happened years ago, you can have the photo published in ABSW. Send photos to the *Editor, Australian and British Soccer Weekly, P.O. Box 155, Marrickville NSW 2204*. Or E-mail the photo in JPEG format to **soccerweekly@hotmail.com**.



Melissa Pavatich, of Wollongong East on the NSW South Coast, has sent in this photo of her boyfriend David Sadd and the great man himself Pele



Gaetano Melita, of Concord in Sydney's inner west, is pictured with former AC Milan star Filippo Galli. The picture was taken during AC Milan's tour of Australia in 1993.

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## SPECIAL FEATURE

## MARRIED TO SOCCER

By Sharon Jackson\*

Soccer. What is it about this game? It's enough to drive a woman to drink so I suppose I should be grateful.

I mean worldwide, no other sport dominates the hearts and minds of men and boys like this does.

Even the detached Swiss get as hysterical as a Brazilian commentator whenever they score.

A rugby league State of Origin final is insipid after the passion of an Arsenal/Chelsea derby game.

Both on and off the park, emotions overflow to bursting point.

Who could forget Elton John's tears after Watford's Cup final loss?

At the start of every season I feel like shouting "We interrupt this marriage for the start of the soccer season".

As the fabled music begins, you can see him switch into trance mode.

"Dear, I'm just popping out to have an affair with a Tongan rugby prop forward," I say.

"Righto, here's some pocket money for you". Oblivious already. Aargh!

As we all know, it's much more important than just life and death (Shank's legendary words).

Growing up in Liverpool, England, in the sixties, it is something that pervades my earliest memories.

It's a religion and your love of red and hatred of blue (Everton) is formed unconsciously at this point.

Shopping with Mother was always on a match day as all the assistants at Lewis's (a sort of Myer's/Grace Bros) were tuned in to the radio and she was always undercharged.

Besides there were no crowds as they were all at the match. Every time I hear "Daytripper" I think of those days.

Pre-GenXers, we girls and boys alike kicked around a football in the back streets.

It wasn't long before we all took on the personas of our heroes: "I'm Tommy Smith and I've just scored in the final" etc

Soccer players were our heroes long before popstars began splattering the



*If you can't beat them, join them. These female South American soccer fans enjoy the game as much as the men.*

bedroom walls.

But we women, being the more discerning creatures grew up and looked outwards to the world to see what was happening.

What was happening was that our erstwhile playmates had looked inwards to play, watch, sleep and breathe soccer

It is even present in our most intimate moments

Is there a man in the world who does not recite "Bobby Charlton, Bobby Charlton" at the critical moment.

He must be a Manchester City fan.

Still, I suppose we should be able to guess what's in store. At the start of even the headiest romance, you imagine that a dinner date is a cosy table for two in a dimly lit Italian restaurant with a bottle of red.

Reality turns out to be a burger on the terraces with a XXXX and ten thousand screaming idiots.

And, dare I say it, it's not only men. It's an affliction that infects parents as well

Seeing footage of small boys all over

the world kicking a football in the street, in the dust and sometimes even in a park, there are always parents looking fondly on.

We all smile when we see the littlies chasing the ball like bees around a honeypot. A few years later, the smiles have gone as the under 10's are becoming quite adept and competition has arrived.

Mothers eye each other warily, poised to go in to attack. The ref pales visibly.

Fathers cringe at a bad pass, missed

chances and wish their friends weren't there

Even the players start to get complexes about noisy parents showing them up and keeping their brand new strip clean and in one piece. But do we give it up? Not a bit of it.

The 1998 World Cup Final was a sure sign that passion for soccer has not waned one bit since it's invention in England in the Middle Ages.

This is more than can be said for the crusades and even the search for the holy grail.

Normally responsible husbands and fathers had taken a full year's holiday entitlement and two years spending money to go to France "just to be there, with the boys".

Very true if you are a Scot. It's a modern day crusade, the World Cup being the holy grail everyone covets.

The atmosphere in the terraces is the thing, I'm sure of it.

How can a woman even hope to compete with that incredible surge of spirit after your team scores.

The singing, comradeships built in a second and the wholesale condemnation of the ref.

It's even worse if he's right. It's not surprising you come home exhausted and that's only from a Sunday morning friendly!

But it would be nice, even lovely, if we could get a bit of priority instead of "Can't it wait til half-time".

This absolutely is not what you want to hear when your contractions are 5 minutes apart.

Just for once could we come close to receiving that rapt attention that Ronaldo does.

Even the scorn heaped on David Beckham would be preferable to the selective deafness we all suffer.

You know what, we would be absolutely lost and we would be so happy that we would smile upon them and say "Whatever you want to do is fine".

And you know what the answer would be! Pass me the bottle, quick.

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## PREMIER LEAGUE (ENGLAND)

### CHELSEA 0 WEST HAM 0

Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli has demanded this side's domestic form mirrors their European efforts but this disappointing draw will not have satisfied him.

His side were denied a goal in the first minute of a poor first half when scorer Dan Petrescu was ruled offside.

West Ham, who defended for long periods, had another narrow escape after the interval when striker Paolo Wanchope kicked Tore Andre Flo's header off the line.

### NEWCASTLE 1 EVERTON 1

England captain Alan Shearer tucked in his 12th league goal of the season but could not present manager Bobby Robson with Newcastle's fourth successive home win.

Shearer made no mistake with a penalty just after half-time following a foul by goalkeeper Paul Gerrard on Gary Speed. Kevin Campbell rescued a point for Everton in the 61st minute when he powered a header past Steve Harper.

### TOTTENHAM 2 ARSENAL 1

Arsenal lost ground on new league leaders Manchester United as they finished the game with nine men after Frederik Ljungberg and Martin Keown were sent off.

Steffen Iversen headed Spurs into the lead after seven minutes before Sherwood expertly curled in a second from 25 yards on 21 minutes.

Nwankwo Kanu had an effort ruled out for a foul on the goalkeeper but Patrick Vieira cut the deficit just before half-time by heading in Emmanuel Petit's free kick.

### WIMBLEDON 2 LEEDS 0

Wimbledon's well-earned victory denied Leeds the chance to go back to the top.

Leeds goalkeeper Nigel Martyn made a fine save to deny John Hartson early on but had no chance

against the same player after the visiting defence failed to clear Kenny Cunningham's cross.

Wimbledon settled the victory as Marcus Gayle nodded in a corner from Alan Kimble.

### VILLA 0 SOUTHAMPTON 1

Spurred Southampton handed Villa their first home defeat this season.

The hosts never looked dangerous in the first half and as they pushed after the break, they started to look vulnerable at the back.

Southampton, who had not kept a clean sheet since the first day of the campaign, grabbed the winner when Dean Richards scored with a point-blank header six minutes from time.

### BRADFORD 1 COVENTRY 1

Coventry took an early lead at Bradford, Gary McAllister finishing off a move he started to score in the first minute.

But Lee Mills levelled a minute before half-time, ramming in his fourth goal in five matches to earn the hosts a draw.

### LIVERPOOL 2 DERBY 0

Both teams spurned several chances to take the lead in the opening half and the sides went in goalless.

Liverpool's Danny Murphy broke the deadlock with a deflected effort in the 65th minute for his third premier league goal.

Four minutes later, Jamie Redknapp eased the pressure on the hosts when he collected a pass from Steve Staunton, rounded the Derby 'keeper, and rolled the ball into the empty net.

### MAN UTD 2 LIVERPOOL 0

Andy Cole scored the spectacular opener just on the half-hour with an acrobatic overhead kick after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had flicked on a cross.

The striker added a second in the 83rd minute when his first effort came off the bar and he slammed in the rebound with his left foot.

### M'BORO 1 SUNDERLAND 1

A moment of inspiration from Boro's Hamilton Ricard broke the deadlock in this fierce northeast derby with 14 minutes to go.

The Colombian, who had not scored since August,



Alan Boksic (left) with Juan Veron and Marcelo Salas celebrating a 4-0 win against Verona.

swivelled on the edge of the area and smashed a right foot shot past Thomas Soerensen for 1-0.

Seconds later Niall Quinn went down under a Phil Stamp challenge to win 10-man Sunderland a penalty. Mark Schwarzer saved Kevin Phillips' spot-kick but Irishman Michael Reddy, on the pitch for only a minute, followed up to ram home. Sunderland had been down to 10 men since the 32nd minute when Chris Makin was sent off for a second bookable offence.

### SHEFF WED 2 WATFORD 2

Michael Ngonge, restored to the first team, repaid Watford manager Graham Taylor's faith by drilling in the opener in the 21st minute. Wednesday equalised early in the second half through a penalty by Gilles de Bilde, awarded after a handball.

But the parity lasted just three minutes as Rob Page headed Watford back in front in the 59th minute. De Bilde was not finished and he again hauled Wednesday back, equalising 12 minutes from time to give the bottom side a point.

## SERIE A (ITALY)

### BOLOGNA 3 INTER 0

Kennet Andersson's 36th-minute header set Bologna on the way to their third successive victory under new manager Francesco Guidolin. Straight after the break Inter lost goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi to injury (52) and Andersson took quick advantage with another pinpoint header (68).

Replacement goalkeeper Fabrizio Ferron and French defender Cyril Domoraud gifted Giuseppe Signori with a 76th-minute third that left Inter with one point in their last four matches.

### LAZIO 4 VERONA 0

Argentine Sebastian Veron single-handedly demolished Verona, finding the net direct from a corner in the 18th minute and setting up two pinpoint crosses for goals from Marcelo Salas (22) and defender Paolo Negro (45). Croat Alen Boksic added a 63rd-minute fourth.

### LECCE 1 UDINESE 0

Lecce secured their ninth successive home win over Udinese with a controversial 53rd-minute winner from Cristiano Lucarelli.

The striker appeared to push defender Marco Zanchi to the ground before turning in Davide Sesa's cross.

### AC MILAN 3 VENEZIA 0

With Alberto Zaccheroni on trial after last week's Champions League exit, German Oliver Bierhoff came to his manager's defence with a 56th-minute opener. Filippo Maniero nearly equalised with a diving header before Weah took advantage of a

ship-up in the Venetian defence to add a second (67).

In the 77th minute, Venezia goalkeeper Fabrizio Casazza conceded a penalty with a foul and was sent off. With all three substitutes on the field, Brazilian midfielder Fabio Bilica took over between the posts, saving Andriy Shevchenko's spot-kick but not Pierluigi Orlandini's follow-up effort.

### PIACENZA 1 PARMA 2

Goalkeeping errors from Flavio Roma cost Piacenza their seven-month unbeaten home record.

In the 22nd minute Hernan Crespo took advantage of the goalkeeper's failure to hold a cross; in the 31st minute Alain Boghossian pounced on a loose ball when Roma fumbled Diego Fuser's mis-hit shot. Piacenza pulled a goal back with a 45th-minute spot-kick from Arturo Di Napoli.

### REGGINA 0 ROMA 4

The sorry tale of Reggina's worst-ever Serie A defeat was written inside 45 minutes: Joseph Oshadogan put through his own net (5), Vincenzo Montella converted a penalty (28), Brazilian Fabio Junior scored his first Serie A goal in 11 months (39) and Francesco Totti added a second spot-kick (45).

After the break, Cristian Zanetti blotted an otherwise perfect Roma performance by getting himself dismissed for deliberate handball. Reggina's Oshadogan followed him off in the 71st for a professional foul.

### TORINO 0 JUVENTUS 0

After waiting three years for the 215th Turin derby, 55,000 fans were treated to an ill-tempered display in which 10 players were booked and Edgar Davids of Juventus and Torino's Gianluigi Lentini were sent-off in the dying minutes.

Juventus goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar denied Vincenzo Sommese a goal with a superb save from a delicate chip in the 24th minute while, at the other end, Filippo Inzaghi squandered several excellent chances.

### CAGLIARI 1 FIORENTINA 1

Angelo Di Livio put the visitors into a 10th-minute lead with their first attack of the match. But Fiorentina's hopes of a first win at the Sant'Elia in 24 years disappeared either side of half-time.

First, Abel Balbo hit the bar with a 30-metre shot; then, in the 54th minute, Fabio Macellari was pulled down in the area and Cameroon's Patrick Mboma converted the penalty for the equaliser.

### PERUGIA 1 BARI 2

In an ill-tempered match, three players were booked and Perugia's Marco Materazzi was sent off.

Swede Daniel Andersson put Bari in front in the 43rd minute and South African Phil Masinga added a second in the 59th.

France's Ibrahim Ba pulled back a late goal (75) but it was too late to save Perugia's unbeaten home record.



Neil Lennon of Leicester City and Dwight Yorke of Manchester United challenge for a header.





# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Q-indicates qualified for the next round of the Champions league

## GROUP A

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14**  
Bayer Leverkusen 1 Lazio 1  
Dynamo Kiev 1 Maribor 1

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
Maribor 0 Bayer Leverkusen 2  
Lazio 2 Dynamo Kiev 1

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Lazio 4 Maribor 0  
Bayer Leverkusen 1 Dynamo Kiev 1

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
Maribor 0 Lazio 4  
Dynamo Kiev 4 Bayer Leverkusen 2

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**  
Lazio 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1  
Maribor Teatonic 1 Dynamo Kiev 2

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2**  
Bayer Leverkusen 0 Maribor 0  
Dynamo Kiev 0 Lazio 1

Table									
Q-Lazio	6	4	2	0	13	3	14		
Q-Dynamo Kiev	6	2	1	3	8	8	7		
Bayer Leverkusen	6	1	4	1	7	7	7		
Maribor Teatonic	6	1	1	4	2	12	4		

## GROUP B

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14**  
AIK Stockholm 1 Barcelona 2  
Fiorentina 0 Arsenal 0

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
Arsenal 3 AIK Stockholm 1  
Barcelona 4 Fiorentina 2

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Barcelona 1 Arsenal 1  
AIK Stockholm 0 Fiorentina 0

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
Arsenal 2 Barcelona 4  
Fiorentina 3 AIK Stockholm 0

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**  
Barcelona 5 AIK Stockholm 0  
Arsenal 0 Fiorentina 1

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2**  
AIK Stockholm 2 Arsenal 3  
Fiorentina 3 Barcelona 3

Table									
Q-Barcelona	6	4	2	0	19	9	14		
Q-Fiorentina	6	2	3	1	9	7	9		
Arsenal	6	2	2	2	9	9	8		
AIK Stockholm	6	0	1	5	4	16	1		

## GROUP C

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14**  
Boavista 0 Rosenborg 3  
Feyenoord 1 B. Dortmund 1

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
B. Dortmund 3 Boavista 1  
Rosenborg 2 Feyenoord 2

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Rosenborg 2 B. Dortmund 2  
Boavista 1 Feyenoord 1

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
B. Dortmund 0 Rosenborg 3  
Feyenoord 1 Boavista 1

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**  
Rosenborg 2 Boavista 0  
B. Dortmund 1 Feyenoord 1

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2**  
Boavista 1 B. Dortmund 0  
Feyenoord 1 Rosenborg 0

Table									
Q-Rosenborg	6	3	2	1	12	5	11		
Q-Feyenoord	6	1	5	0	7	6	8		
B Dortmund	6	1	3	2	7	9	6		
Boavista	6	1	2	3	4	10	5		

## GROUP D

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14**  
Manchester Utd 0 Croatia Zagreb 0  
Marseille 2 Sturm Graz 0

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22**  
Sturm Graz 0 Manchester Utd 3  
Croatia Zagreb 1 Marseille 2

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**  
Croatia Zagreb 3 Sturm Graz 0  
Manchester Utd 2 Marseille 1

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
Sturm Graz 1 Croatia Zagreb 0  
Marseille 1 Manchester Utd 0

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**  
Croatia Zagreb 1 Manchester Utd 2  
Sturm Graz 3 Marseille 2

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2**  
Manchester Utd 2 Sturm Graz 1  
Marseille 2 Croatia Zagreb 2

Table									
Q-Manchester Utd	6	4	1	1	9	4	13		
Q-Olym Marseille	6	3	1	2	10	8	10		
Sturm Graz	6	2	0	4	5	12	6		
Croatia Zagreb	6	1	2	3	7	7	5		

## GROUP E

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**  
Olympiakos 3 Real Madrid 3  
Molde 0 FC Porto 1

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
FC Porto 2 Olympiakos 0  
Real Madrid 4 Molde 1

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Real Madrid 3 FC Porto 1  
Olympiakos 3 Molde 1

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
FC Porto 2 Real Madrid 1  
Molde 3 Olympiakos 2

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**  
Real Madrid 3 Olympiakos 0  
FC Porto 3 Molde 1

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**  
Olympiakos 1 FC Porto 0  
Molde 0 Real Madrid 1

Table									
Q-Real Madrid	6	4	1	1	15	7	13		
Q-Porto	6	4	0	2	9	6	12		
Olympiakos	6	2	1	3	9	12	7		
Molde	6	1	0	5	6	14	3		

## GROUP F

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**  
Bayern Munich 2 PSV Eindhoven 1  
Valencia 2 Rangers 0

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
Rangers 1 Bayern Munich 1  
PSV Eindhoven 1 Valencia 1

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28**  
PSV Eindhoven 0 Rangers 1  
Bayern Munich 1 Valencia 1

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
Rangers 4 PSV Eindhoven 1  
Valencia 1 Bayern Munich 1

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**  
PSV Eindhoven 2 Bayern Munich 1  
Rangers 1 Valencia 2

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**  
Bayern Munich 1 Rangers 0  
Valencia 1 PSV Eindhoven 0

Table									
Q-Valencia	6	3	3	0	8	4	12		
Q-Bayern Munich	6	2	3	1	7	6	9		
Rangers	6	2	1	3	7	7	7		
PSV Eindhoven	6	1	1	4	5	10	4		

## GROUP G

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**  
Sparta Prague 0 Bordeaux 0  
Willem II 1 Spartak Moscow 3

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
Spartak Moscow 1 Sparta Prague 1  
Bordeaux 3 Willem II 2

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28**  
Bordeaux 2 Spartak Moscow 1  
Sparta Prague 4 Willem II 0

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
Spartak Moscow 1 Bordeaux 2  
Willem II 3 Sparta Prague 4

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**  
Spartak Moscow 1 Willem II 1  
Bordeaux 0 Sparta Prague 0

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**  
Sparta Prague 5 Spartak Moscow 2  
Willem II 0 Bordeaux 0

Table									
Q-Sparta Prague	6	3	3	0	14	6	12		
Q-Bordeaux	6	3	3	0	7	4	12		
Spartak Moscow	6	1	2	3	9	12	5		
Willem II	6	0	2	4	7	15	2		

## GROUP H

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**  
Chelsea 0 AC Milan 0  
Galatasaray 2 Hertha Berlin 2

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
Hertha Berlin 2 Chelsea 1  
AC Milan 2 Galatasaray 1

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28**  
AC Milan 1 Hertha Berlin 1  
Chelsea 1 Galatasaray 0

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
Hertha Berlin 1 AC Milan 0  
Galatasaray 0 Chelsea 5

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**  
AC Milan 1 Chelsea 1  
Hertha Berlin 1 Galatasaray 4

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**  
Chelsea 2 Hertha Berlin 0  
Galatasaray 3 AC Milan 2

Table									
Q-Chelsea	6	3	2	1	10	3	11		
Q-Hertha Berlin	6	2	2	2	7	10	8		
Galatasaray	6	2	1	3	10	13	7		
AC Milan	6	1	3	2	6	7	6		

## SECOND ROUND

Four Groups of Four  
November 24, December 8, March 1  
March 8, March 15, March 22

## QUARTER FINALS

First Leg — April 5  
Second Leg — April 19

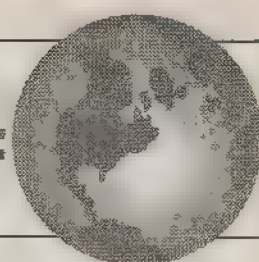
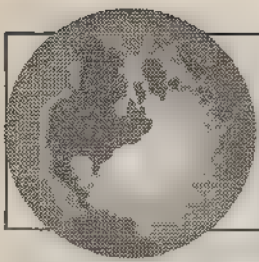
## SEMI-FINALS

First Leg — May 3  
Second Leg — May 10

## FINAL

Wednesday, May 24  
At TBA





## FIFA

### World Rankings

(Valid until November 17)

1	Brazil	69	Cyprus	137	Libya
2	Czech Republic	70	Mali	138	St Vincent/Gr
3	France	71	Guatemala	139	Ethiopia
4	Spain	72	Estonia	140	Hong Kong
5	Germany	73	Burkina Faso	141=	Solomon Islands
6	Croatia	74	<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	142=	San Marino
7	Norway	75	Honduras	143	Panama
8=	Argentina	76=	Bosnia-Herzegovina	144	Sri Lanka
8=	Romania	76=	Nigeria	145=	Dominica
10=	Italy	78=	Northern Ireland	145=	Saint Lucia
10=	Mexico	78=	Cuba	147	Andorra
12	England	80	Uzbekistan	148=	Antigua & Barbuda
13	Portugal	81	Algeria	148=	Bangladesh
14	Sweden	82	Canada	150=	Gambia
15	Yugoslavia	83	Senegal	150=	Lesotho
16	Netherlands	84=	Albania	152=	Dominican Rep.
17	Denmark	84=	Namibia	152=	Laos
18	Paraguay	86	Gabon	154	Yemen
19	Russia	87	Armenia	155	Mauritania
20	Scotland	88	Guinea	156	Niger
21	Slovakia	89	Qatar	157	Rwanda
22	United States	90	Togo	158	Cayman Islands
23=	Chile	91	Wales	159	Maldives
23=	Ukraine	92	Oman	160=	Kyrgyzstan
25=	Austria	93	El Salvador	160=	Surinam
25=	Colombia	93	Iraq	162	British Virgin Is.
27	Israel	95	Moldova	163=	Bermuda
28	Morocco	96	Belarus	163=	Botswana
29	South Africa	97	Mozambique	165	Nepal
30=	Greece	98	Azerbaijan	166	Korea DPR
30=	Poland	99	New Zealand	167	Netherlands Ant.
32=	Belgium	100	Indonesia	168	Entrea
32=	Tunisia	101=	Liberia	169	Palestine
34	Zambia	101=	Kenya	170	Guyana
35	Republic of Ireland	101=	Singapore	171=	Cambodia
36	Bulgaria	104	Haiti	171=	Guinea-Bissau
37	Turkey	105	Congo	173	Chinese Taipei
38=	Egypt	106	Vietnam	174	Macao
38=	Saudi Arabia	107	Syria	175	Cape Verde Islands
40	Korea Republic	108	Lebanon	176	Tonga
41	Trinidad & Tobago	109	Uganda	177	Samoa
42	Uruguay	110	Venezuela	178=	Cook Islands
43	Peru	111	Faroe Islands	178=	Papua New Guinea
44	Jamaica	112	Malawi	180	Philippines
45	Lithuania	113	Barbados	181	Pakistan
46	Hungary	114	India	182	Vanuatu
47=	Iceland	115	Malaysia	183	Puerto Rico
47=	Iran	116	Jordan	184	Brunei Darussalam
49=	Ivory Coast	117	Kazakhstan	185	Chad
49=	Switzerland	118	Sierra Leone	186=	Aruba
51	Japan	119	Mauritius	186=	Bahamas
52=	Finland	120	Mali	188=	Belize
52=	Slovenia	121	Grenada	188=	Seychelles
54	Ghana	122	Luxembourg	190	Nicaragua
55	Angola	123	Tanzania	191	US Virgin Islands
56	Cameroon	124	Bahrain	192	Djibouti
57	Bolivia	125	Turkmenistan	193	Turks & Caicos Is.
58	Kuwait	126	Myanmar	194=	Equatorial Guinea
59	China PR	127	Sudan	194=	Sao Tome e
60	Congo DR (Zaire)	128	Liechtenstein		Principe
61	Ecuador	129	Swaziland	196	Somalia
62	Georgia	130	Tajikistan	197	Central African Rep.
63	United Arab Emirates	131	Fiji	198=	Mongolia
64=	FYR Macedonia	132	Burundi	198=	American Samoa
64=	Latvia	133	Madagascar	200	Guam
66	Thailand	134	Tahiti	201	Anguilla
67	Costa Rica	135	Benin	201	Montserrat
68	Zimbabwe	136	St Kitts & Nevis		

**Note:** Teams inactive since 1991 and teams which have not played yet do not appear in the table.

## ITALIANS FAIL AGAIN

**F**ormer AC Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi believes the club's shock Champions League exit has thrown a question mark over the status of Italian clubs in Europe.

"This is not just a bad night for Milan this is a bad night for Italian football," he said after watching the 3-2 defeat by Galatasaray on Wednesday.

Four Italian clubs started European Cup campaigns but Milan's departure following Parma's failure to reach the group stage has left the country represented by Lazio and Fiorentina.

Of the two survivors, Lazio are Italy's only serious hope in an expanded competition they helped shape and had hoped to dominate.

The disappointments follow last season, when for the first time since the Champions League format was introduced in the 1992-93 season, no Italian club appeared in the final.

Inter Milan and Juventus made the quarter-final and semifinal stages respectively in the last competition before losing to eventual winners Manchester United.

Those defeats prompted a re-evaluation of the balance of power between the Premier League and Serie A, but this season's setbacks pose more difficult questions.

Parma lost to Rangers who have consistently struggled outside their own Scottish borders.

Milan were eliminated after away defeats by unfancied Hertha Berlin, Galatasaray, and two draws with Chelsea.

There is general agreement that Milan are a pale shadow of Sacchi's exciting 1989 and 1990 European Cup winners and Fabio Capello's side who destroyed



AC Milan's Paolo Maldini.

Barcelona 4-0 in the 1994 final.

Current Milan captain Paolo Maldini, a player in victorious sides alongside the likes of Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit, highlighted one of the current problems. "We played without personality," he said.

Milan have badly missed the injured Zvonimir Boban, one of the few players who can turn a game with a moment of skill.

Coach Alberto Zaccheroni has had no effective replacement and when Alessandro Costacurta was suspended for the game in Istanbul, there was no one of similar calibre on the sidelines.

Lack of cover meant Maldini was forced to play through a painful toe injury and with George Weah's suspended for all but the final group H match, Zaccheroni had no attacking option on the bench.

## SCOTLAND v ENGLAND

### Euro 2000 play-off squads

The first leg is in Glasgow on November 13 with the return at Wembley four days later.

Scotland	
<b>GOALKEEPERS:</b>	
Neil Sullivan	(Wimbledon)
Jonathan Gould	(Celtic)
Alan Main	(St Johnstone)
Robert Douglas	(Dundee)
<b>DEFENDERS:</b>	
Colin Calderwood	(Aston Villa)
Christian Dailly	(Blackburn Rovers)
Colin Hendry	(Rangers)
Jackie McNamara	(Celtic)
Brian O'Neill	(VfL Wolfsburg)
Paul Ritchie	(Hearts)
David Weir	(Everton)
<b>MIDFIELDERS:</b>	
Craig Burley	(Celtic)
Colin Cameron	(Hearts)
John Collins	(Everton)
Callum Davidson	(Blackburn Rovers)
Ian Durrant	(Kilmarnock)
Barry Ferguson	(Rangers)
Don Hutchison	(Everton)
Paul Lambert	(Celtic)
<b>FORWARDS:</b>	
Mark Burchill	(Celtic)
Billy Dodds	(Dundee United)
Kevin Gallacher	(Newcastle United)
Neil McCann	(Rangers)
Gary McSwegan	(Hearts)

England	
<b>GOALKEEPERS:</b>	
David Seaman	(Arsenal)
Nigel Martyn	(Leeds United)
Ian Walker	(Tottenham Hotspur)
<b>DEFENDERS:</b>	
Sol Campbell	(Tottenham)
Tony Adams	(Arsenal)
Martin Keown	(Arsenal)
Gareth Southgate	(Aston Villa)
Rio Ferdinand	(West Ham United)
Philip Neville	(Manchester United)
<b>MIDFIELDERS:</b>	
Steve Guppy	(Leicester City)
Paul Ince	(Middlesbrough)
Dennis Wise	(Chelsea)
Jamie Redknapp	(Liverpool)
Ray Parlour	(Arsenal)
David Beckham	(Manchester United)
Paul Scholes	(Manchester United)
<b>FORWARDS:</b>	
Steve McManaman	(Real Madrid)
Emile Heskey	(Leicester)
Alan Shearer	(Newcastle United)
Kevin Phillips	(Sunderland)
Michael Owen	(Liverpool)
Andy Cole	(Manchester United)
Trevor Sinclair	(West Ham United)
Stephen Froggatt	(Coventry City)



# UNDER 17 WORLD CUP

## NEW ZEALAND IN WORLD SPOTLIGHT

## THE SCHEDULE

By Bob Patterson

Chief Executive Officer of Soccer  
New Zealand

In November, the attention of the football world will be on New Zealand, as the FIFA Under-17 World Championship takes place in the southern hemisphere for the first time.

What an opportunity which has been afforded us! A tournament which has produced such household names as Mark Bosnich, Andre Cruz, Nwankwo Kanu and Emmanuel Petit, to mention just a couple, and which will almost certainly be the springboard for some household names of the next ten to 15 years, taking place right here in our own backyard... it's a mouth-watering prospect, and one which we're very much looking forward to realising.

By "we", I'm referring in the main to the football public of these islands at the southern end of the South Pacific, which are renowned the world over for their natural beauty, tranquility and resplendent scenic vistas.

For it would be fair to say that the greater majority of New Zealanders don't really appreciate the enormity of this globally televised tournament.

While football is the national sport of many of the world's nations, the game doesn't enjoy such status in this country.

Instead, rugby union is the preferred sport of the masses in this area of the world, and the local media do not hesitate in reminding all and sundry of the fact!

Indeed, such is the emphasis placed on rugby in this country that, come mid-September, a television channel devoted solely to the sport will be on the air around the clock, every day of every week.

It is against this oval ball-oriented background which all other sport in New Zealand, football included, must compete in order to attract the paying public's entertainment dollars. Hence our delight at being granted this opportunity to promote the game the world plays to the people of our nation, particularly our youth, once again.

For it is pertinent to mention that New Zealand has actually been awarded these particular 1999 finals twice by FIFA.

The first occasion, of course, was prior to the 1997 event in Egypt, which we attended in two capacities — as observers, and as finalists, New Zealand having qualified for its third World Cup Finals appearance, following the All Whites never-to-be-forgotten achievements in reaching



Spain in 1982, and our national women's team being one of the inaugural Women's World Cup finalists in China in 1991.

All was on course for our plans to host 'New Zealand '99' in February of this year, until the discovery, by FIFA, of an anomaly relating to birth dates which would have disadvantaged countries from the European confederation.

At this point, we were asked to postpone the tournament until October-November 1999, something which we were quite happy to do initially.

Upon reviewing the issue and discussing

the ramifications with FIFA, however, it was apparent that hosting the Junior World Cup Finals in New Zealand during the proposed time frame 'would not be in the best interests of the game in this country'.

The reasoning behind this was that key resources, such as accommodation, were already fully stretched, a result of New Zealand hosting both the World Netball Championships and the challengers qualifying series for yachting's America's Cup.

By way of compensation, the hosting of the Finals in New Zealand was deferred until 2003.

But a few months after being relieved of hosting duties in 1999, FIFA reversed this decision, and, despite fierce competition from a number of countries, reallocated the 1999 Finals to this fledgling footballing nation, on the basis that they take place in November.

As a result, the last few months have been somewhat hectic ones, in terms of organising the event.

A stand-alone company, New Zealand U-17 '99 Limited, has been established to oversee the tournament's operation, and all issues relating to the budgetary aspects of the event have met with FIFA's approval.

As well as the behind-the-scenes aspects, getting things right on the park is considered as important for the success of the tournament too.

To this end, you can expect the New Zealand Under-17 representatives to prove quite competitive on home turf, as they bid to make at least the quarter-finals stage during the footballing feast.

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### 1ST STAGE

**GROUP A**  
Poland United States  
Uruguay New Zealand  
(All matches in Auckland,  
10-11-99  
New Zealand vs. United States  
11-11-99  
Uruguay vs. Poland  
13-11-99  
New Zealand vs. Uruguay  
United States vs. Poland  
16-11-99  
Poland vs. New Zealand  
United States vs. Uruguay

**GROUP B**  
Mexico Thailand  
Ghana Spain  
(All matches in Napier)  
11-11-99  
Ghana vs. Spain  
Mexico vs. Thailand  
13-11-99  
Spain vs. Thailand  
Ghana vs. Mexico  
16-11-99  
Thailand vs. Ghana  
Spain vs. Mexico

**GROUP C**  
Germany Brazil  
Mali Australia  
(All matches in Christchurch)  
12-11-99  
Brazil vs. Australia  
Mali vs. Germany  
14-11-99  
Australia vs. Germany  
Brazil vs. Mali  
17-11-99  
Germany vs. Brazil

Australia vs. Mali

**GROUP D**  
Jamaica Qatar  
Paraguay Burkina Faso  
(All matches in Dunedin)  
12-11-99  
Jamaica vs. Burkina Faso  
Paraguay vs. Qatar  
14-11-99  
Burkina Faso vs. Qatar  
Jamaica vs. Paraguay  
17-11-99  
Qatar vs. Jamaica  
Burkina Faso vs. Paraguay

### QUARTER-FINALS

20-11-99  
Auckland  
1A vs. 2B  
Napier  
1B vs. 2A  
21-11-99  
Christchurch  
1C vs. 2D  
Dunedin  
1D vs. 2C

### SEMI-FINALS

24-11-99  
Christchurch  
Winner 1A-2B v 1C-2D  
Auckland  
Winner 1B-2A v 1D-2C

### THIRD PLACE

27-11-99  
Auckland  
Semi-final losers

### FINAL

27-11-99  
Auckland  
Semi-final winners

## AUSTRALIA'S PRE WORLD CUP TOUR

### MATCH 7

The Australian Under-17 Soccer Team scored an emphatic 5-nil win over an Argentine Southern Select XI at Mar del Plata last week, in the opening game of the final leg of the South American tour.

The LG Joeys were to have played two games against the Argentine Under-17s on this leg, however a change in the Argentine National Competition draw saw the Australians pitted against the Southern Select Eleven instead.

From the kick-off, LUCAS PANTELIS knocked the ball through to JOE DI IORIO, whose ball to SCOTT McDONALD was volleyed into the back of the net after just 29 seconds.

The LG Joeys went ahead 2-nil in the 22nd minute, DI IORIO's shot from 25 metres parried by the keeper into the path of PANTELIS, who slotted the ball home from close range.

The Australian squad has been strengthened by the addition of European based players SHANE CANDELL-SHERIFF, BRADLEY GROVES and ADRIAN MADESCHI, and it was Cansdell-Sheriff who put Australia's third goal on the board in the 37th minute.

Two minutes later McDONALD picked up his second of the game, heading in a looping cross at the far post from DYLAN MACALLISTER to give the LG Joeys a 4-nil lead into the half time

break.

A tighter defence from the Argentines in the second half slowed the scoring, but MACALLISTER was able to add his name to the score-sheet in the 65th minute, volleying home an ANTHONY DOUMANIS cross to give the LG JOEYS a comfortable 5-nil victory.

LG Joeys 5 (McDonald 1, 39, Pantelis 22, Cansdell-Sheriff 37; MacAllister 65), Argentine Southern Select 0

### AUSTRALIAN LINE-UP

Van Stratten (Milosevic 45); Madeschi (Lockhart 45), Byrnes (Fyfe 45), Goulding, North, Cansdell-Sheriff, MacAllister, Groves, Pantelis (Johnson 45), Di Iorio (Kennedy 45), McDonald (Doumanis 45)

### MATCH 8

The LG JOEYS earned a hard fought 1-nil win over Argentine First Division club side Independiente last week.

The first half was extremely tight from both sides, captain MARK BYRNES, and ADRIAN MADESCHI keeping Australia solid at the back, but strikers JOE DI IORIO and SCOTT McDONALD on the receiving end of tight Argentine marking themselves.

The LG JOEYS looked more likely to break

through in the second half as the midfielders created more space, the first real opportunity to McDONALD who got on the end of a BRADLEY GROVES cross in the 51st minute, only to see his header scrambled away for a corner.

The Australians were finally rewarded for their constant pressure in the 70th minute, SHANE CANDELL-SHERIFF cutting down the right and crossing to McDONALD, who buried his shot into the back of the net, to give the LG JOEYS the 1-nil victory.

LG JOEYS 1 (S McDonald 70) Independiente 0

### AUSTRALIAN LINE-UP

Van Stratten; Madeschi, Byrnes, Goulding (Fyfe 40), North, Cansdell-Sheriff, MacAllister (Doumanis 65), Groves, Pantelis (Johnson 60), Di Iorio (Kennedy 45), McDonald.

### MATCH 9

The LG JOEYS have concluded their tour of South America with a 3-all draw with the Argentine Under-20 soccer team in Buenos Aires.

The Australians were shell-shocked from the kick-off, down two goals in the first five minutes of play before they were able to settle the game.

Striker DYLAN MACALLISTER pulled one back for the LG Joeys in the 30th minute, volleying in a cross from SCOTT McDONALD to see

the Australians into the half time break down a goal.

The Under-17s clawed their way back onto level terms in the 84th minute, captain MARK BYRNES heading in from a JOE DI IORIO corner, only to concede another goal just two minutes later, when a header beat goalkeeper JESS VAN STRATTEN.

The LG Joeys again tied the game in the final minute of play however, WAYNE SRHOJ latching onto a JADE NORTH free kick, to head the ball into the back of the net for a 3-3 scoreline.

"The boys were given their toughest workout yet today, and while we got off to a slow start, they really showed what they were made of, coming back the way they did," said coach LES SCHEIN-FLUG.

"This was one of the toughest and most intensive games they've had, and it's given the boys a good taste for what they can expect at the World Championships.

LG Joeys 3 (Macallister 30, Byrnes 8, Srjoh 90) Argentina Under-20s 3

### AUSTRALIAN LINE-UP

Van Stratten (gk); Madeschi, Byrnes, Goulding, North, Cansdell-Sheriff, MacAllister (Fyfe 73), Groves, Pantelis (Brain 45), Di Iorio, McDonald (Kennedy 83)



## UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECOND GROUP PHASE

#### GROUP A

Porto (Portugal)  
Hertha Berlin (Germany)  
Barcelona (Spain)  
Sparta Prague (Czech Republic)

#### FIXTURES:

Tuesday, Nov 23

Hertha Berlin v Barcelona, Sparta Prague v Porto  
Wednesday, Dec 8

Porto v Hertha Berlin, Barcelona v Sparta Prague  
Wednesday, March 1

Barcelona v Porto, Hertha Berlin v Sparta Prague  
Tuesday, March 7

Porto v Barcelona, Sparta Prague v Hertha Berlin  
Wednesday, March 15

Barcelona v Hertha Berlin, Porto v Sparta Prague  
Tuesday, March 21

Hertha Berlin v Porto, Sparta Prague v Barcelona

#### GROUP B

Bordeaux (France)  
Fiorentina (Italy)  
Manchester United (England)  
Valencia (Spain)

#### FIXTURES:

Tuesday, November 23

Fiorentina v Manchester Utd, Valencia v Bordeaux  
Wednesday, December 8

Bordeaux v Fiorentina, Manchester Utd v Valencia  
Wednesday, March 1

Manchester Utd v Bordeaux, Fiorentina v Valencia  
Tuesday, March 7

Bordeaux v Manchester Utd, Valencia v Fiorentina  
Wednesday, March 15

Manchester Utd v Fiorentina, Bordeaux v Valencia  
Tuesday, March 21

Fiorentina v Bordeaux, Valencia v Manchester Utd

#### GROUP C

Bayern Munich (Germany)  
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine)  
Real Madrid (Spain)  
Rosenborg Trondheim (Norway)

#### FIXTURES:

Wednesday, November 24

Dynamo Kiev v R Madrid, Rosenborg v B Munich  
Tuesday, December 7

B Munich v Dynamo Kiev, R Madrid v Rosenborg  
Tuesday, February 29

R Madrid v B Munich, Dynamo Kiev v Rosenborg  
Wednesday, March 8

B Munich v R Madrid, Rosenborg v Dynamo Kiev  
Tuesday, March 14

R Madrid v Dynamo Kiev, B Munich v Rosenborg  
Wednesday, March 22

Dynamo Kiev v B Munich, Rosenborg v R Madrid

#### GROUP D

Feyenoord (Netherlands)  
Olympique Marseille (France)  
Lazio (Italy)  
Chelsea (England)

#### FIXTURES:

Wednesday, November 24

Olympique Marseille v Lazio, Chelsea v Feyenoord

Tuesday, December 7

Feyenoord v Olympique Marseille, Lazio v Chelsea  
Tuesday, February 29

Lazio v Feyenoord, Olympique Marseille v Chelsea  
Wednesday, March 8

Feyenoord v Lazio, Chelsea v Olympique Marseille  
Tuesday, March 14

Lazio v Olympique Marseille, Feyenoord v Chelsea  
Wednesday, March 22

Olympique Marseille v Feyenoord, Chelsea v Lazio

## MAN U FAVOURITE TO ADVANCE

European champions Manchester United were drawn last Friday against Valencia, Girondins Bordeaux and Fiorentina in the second phase of the Champions League.

It is a relatively kind draw for United who should advance to the quarter-finals by finishing in one of the top two positions in group B.

But they will be wary of all three teams, especially Fiorentina who effectively eliminated United's English premier league rivals Arsenal 1-0 at Wembley Stadium in the first phase.

United's only previous encounter with any of the three was against Valencia in the opening round of the UEFA Cup in 1982-3.

The teams drew 0-0 at Old Trafford with Valencia winning the second leg 2-1 in Spain.

Although United have not met Bordeaux before they have stumbled against French opposition in the recent past.

They were eliminated from the quarter-finals two seasons ago by Monaco on the away goals rule and last month lost their 18-match unbeaten European run when they lost 1-0 at Olympique Marseille.

United travel to Fiorentina for the opening match on November 23 and spokesman Ken Ramsden said: "We are very pleased. They are exciting teams and for us it is a benefit that they are easy to get to and from."

"No one stands out in the group as exceptionally better than any of the others. I would say they are all equal. The competition should be outstanding."

Bordeaux president Jean-Louis Triaud said: "Marseille proved in the first phase that United are beatable, although they are clearly the team to beat in the group."

Coach Elie Baup added: "It's magnificent, we're going to play the three best championships in Europe - England, Spain and Italy. It's a formidable challenge for our team."

"We're the Tom Thumb of this group but we love being in that position."

Barcelona, joint favourites with Lazio to win this season's competition, were drawn against Sparta Prague, Porto and Hertha Berlin in group A.

For Porto the draw provides them with a further two matches against Spanish opposition after their games against Real Madrid in the opening phase.

They lost 3-1 to Real in Madrid but beat them 2-1 at home before subsequently finishing second in the group behind the seven-times European champions.

Lazio, the current Italian League leaders, were drawn to play Chelsea, Feyenoord and Olympic Marseille in group D.



Fiorentina players celebrate scoring against Barcelona last week.

Lazio, the runaway leaders in group A in the opening phase of the competition, will know plenty about Chelsea.

The two clubs are the last two winners of the now defunct European Cup Winners' Cup and there are five Italians at Chelsea, including former Lazio striker Roberto Di Matteo who spent three seasons there before joining the London side.

Chelsea's coach Gianluca Vialli is Italian and will relish a quick return to his homeland following Chelsea's 1-1 draw with AC Milan in the opening phase.

Chelsea director Colin Hutchinson said: "Considering this is our first Champions League we are delighted to be in the second round and the group should produce some great football. But we will be the underdogs."

Marseille's Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli, who won the trophy with Juventus in 1996, said: "Lazio are a great team with about 20 internationals. They're not just the group favourites but the favourites for the Champions League."

Marseille coach Roland Courbis added: "Logic would have it that we haven't a chance. But logic also dictated that AC Milan should finish top of the first phase group and Milan ended bottom."

Two former European champions Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, last season's runners-up, will meet each other in group C.

Rosenborg Trondheim and Dynamo Kiev complete that quartet.

Kiev know all about both Real Madrid and Bayern Munich after beating Real and losing to Bayern in last season's Champions League campaign.

Bayern Munich's general secretary Karl Hopfner said:

"Rosenborg beat Dortmund in the last phase but we have never seen them play so it should be a very interesting first match."

But there are also some familiar teams like Dynamo who we beat last year in the semifinals."

Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz described Real's rivals as "beatable", adding: "At this stage of the competition you get no gifts. Every game will be complicated but I believe we have received a favourable draw."

### UEFA CUP

#### THIRD ROUND

First legs to be played on November 25, second legs on December 9

Parma (Italy) v

Sturm Graz (Austria)

Olympique Lyon (France) v

Werder Bremen (Germany)

Panathinaikos (Greece) v

Deportiva Coruna (Spain)

Bologna (Italy) v

Galatasaray (Turkey)

Udinese (Italy) v

Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)

RC Lens (France) v

Kaiserslautern (Germany)

Spartak Moscow (Russia) v

Leeds United (England)

Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) v

Real Mallorca (Spain)

Rangers (Scotland) v

Borussia Dortmund (Germany)

AS Roma (Italy) v

Newcastle United (England)

AEK Athens (Greece) v

Monaco (France)

Celta Vigo (Spain) v

Benfica (Portugal)

Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) v

Juventus (Italy)

VfL Wolfsburg (Germany) v

Atletico Madrid (Spain)

Arsenal (England) v

Nantes (France)

Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) v

Steaua Bucharest (Romania)





## PARMA: A NEW GIANT

**I**talian Serie A club Parma ended the 1998/99 season with profits of 7.1 billion lire (about A\$7 million), with turnover up by 33 percent, the club said last Wednesday.

Parma, who finished fourth in Serie A last season, are owned by dairy giant Parmalat who have a 97.2 percent stake in the club.

A club statement said turnover rose from the previous season's figure of 98.6 billion lire (about A\$100 million) to 131.3 billion lire (about A\$130 million), largely thanks to a 30.4 percent increase in revenues from sponsorship and a doubling of income from merchandising and licensing deals.

"The profitability of Parma as a football club did not just happen by accident, it's the result of a new management strategy that is fully integrated with sporting priorities," said Parma president Stefano Tanzi in the statement.

Italian clubs have been slow



to take advantage of the boom in soccer merchandising with the black market still accounting for a large slice of supporters' spending on soccer-related products.

Parma's results contrast with those of current champions Inter Milan who recently announced a loss of 18.4 billion lire (about A\$20 million), although that was an improvement on the previous season's loss of 44.9 billion lire (about A\$45 million).

Parma's revenues for the current season are likely to be hit by the club's failure to qualify for the lucrative Champions League after they were eliminated in the qualifying round by Scotland's Rangers.



Fabio Cannavaro and Hernan Crespo in action for Parma

## A good Kidd sacked

**B**lackburn Rovers owner Jack Walker last Wednesday terminated Brian Kidd's contract as manager of the first division English club.

"Brian is a first-class man and we so wanted it to work out for him but at the end of the day I had to put the club first," Walker said in a statement.

"Results have not been good enough...it is as simple as that.

"It is a sad day for me in particular and

for everybody connected with the club."

Kidd resigned as Manchester United assistant manager last season to take over from Roy Hodgson but he failed to keep Rovers in the Premier League.

Their first season in division one has not started well and the club lie 19th with just three wins from their opening 14 matches.

Kidd's assistant Tony Parkes will take over as caretaker manager, the club said.

## GEORGI MISSES ENGLAND

**A**jax Amsterdam said last week they had released Georgi Kinkladze on loan to England Premier League Derby County until the end of this season.

Georgia international midfielder Kinkladze left Manchester City for Ajax in May 1998 but has hardly played for them and has expressed a wish to return to English football.

An Ajax official said the two clubs hoped to agree on a full transfer by the end of the season.



Georgi Kinkladze pictured playing for Manchester City



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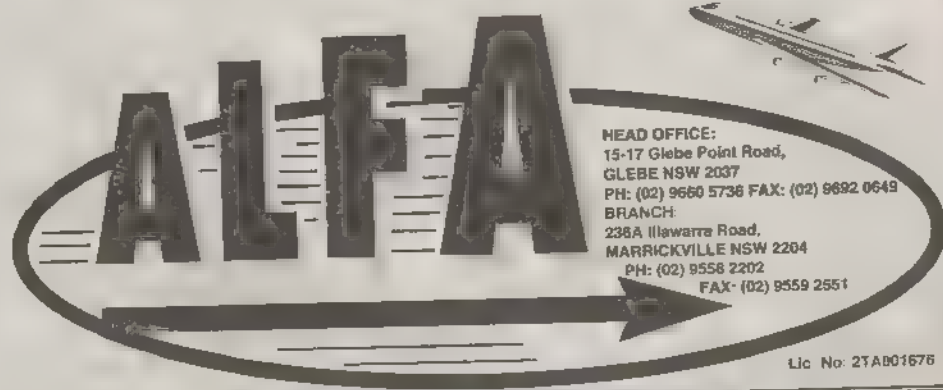
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## SCHMEICHEL SAYS HE HAS NO REGRETS



*Peter Schmeichel: Doesn't regret leaving Manchester United for Sporting Lisbon.*

**D**anish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel told a news conference to launch his 230-page book, entitled "Schmeichel The Autobiography", that he did not regret his decision to leave English champions Manchester United at the end of last season to join Portugal's Sporting Lisbon.

"No, on the contrary. I am very, very happy," he said.

"I am happy I am not there (in England). I am happy I don't have to play every Saturday and every Tuesday and Wednesday," he said, underlining that he remained in close contact with his many friends at Manchester United and avidly kept abreast with the club's results.

Schmeichel, 36, said he felt comfortable with the more leisurely pace and pleasant climate in Portugal.

"I know what I would have felt like (in England). I know I would have been tired. I know I would hardly have been able to get out of bed.

"I know the physical strain, I have

done it for eight years," he said.

Although the book, written by Danish journalist Egon Balsby, touches on a number of controversies during the Dane's illustrious career at Old Trafford, Schmeichel said positive memories far outweighed the few negative incidents.

An entire chapter is dedicated to a scandal in 1996 when Arsenal striker Ian Wright accused Schmeichel of racist remarks.

"He was never to blame for what happened," Schmeichel said, adding that the English Football Association had wanted "to use me as a scapegoat to promote their 'kick racism out of football' campaign."

In the book, he says he would gladly have supported the campaign if he had not become the focal point.

"...The Football Association wanted Ian Wright and I to appear together in a picture shaking hands," Schmeichel writes, adding he refused.

"It would have made me look like a racist...I am not a racist," he told the news conference.

TV footage of Schmeichel muttering to himself after a bruising clash with Wright prompted, says the book, a TV viewer claiming an ability to lip-read to report to the police Schmeichel's alleged racist remarks about his opponent.

"I have tried to recall it but there is absolutely no way I can," Schmeichel said when asked what he had mumbled to himself.

He said he could not even remember if he had been fuming in English or in his native Danish.

The charges were later dropped after a compromise, which the book calls "a piece of paper almost completely lacking in content".

Schmeichel told the news conference that he bore no personal grudge against Wright.

Looking ahead, Schmeichel said that he had no medium or long-term plans.

"I'd like to play as long as I can, as long as I'm enjoying it (but) it has to be at the level where I am now," he said.

*"It would have made me look like a racist...I am not a racist"*

## TV GUIDE

\* All times are Australian Eastern Standard Summer Time

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9

English Premier League  
Newcastle v Everton (LIVE)  
Fox Sports  
6am - 9.30am

Italian Serie A  
Optus Vision (ESPN)  
11am - 1pm

Best Of English Soccer  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10

English Premier League Highlights  
Fox Sports  
7.30pm - 9pm

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11

Spanish Soccer  
Teams TBA  
Fox Sports  
8.30pm - 10.30pm

Soccer Central  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)  
10.30pm - 11.30pm

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12

European Soccer Show  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)  
9am - 10am

Spanish Soccer (Repeat)  
Fox Sports 2  
10am - 12pm

German Bundesliga  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
3pm - 5pm

Brazilian National Football  
Portuguesa v Parana  
Optus Vision (ESPN)  
4pm - 6pm

Western Union World Soccer  
Fox Sports  
5pm - 5.30pm

Soccer Scene  
Fox Sports  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

National Soccer League  
Kings FC v Wollongong (LIVE)  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
5.30pm - 7.30pm

National Soccer League  
Parramatta v Perth (LIVE)  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)  
7.30pm - 9.30pm

English Premier League  
(Replay of games played last week-end)  
Fox Sports  
12am - 6am  
(Saturday morning)

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13

French Premier League  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
10am - 12pm

Scottish Premier League  
Rangers v Celtic (Repeat)  
Fox Sports  
1pm - 3pm

Champions League Magazine  
SBS TV  
3.30pm - 4.30pm

World Soccer  
Porto v Sporting Lisbon  
SBS TV  
4.30pm - 5.30pm

English Premier League (Repeat)  
SBS TV  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

National Soccer League  
Marconi v Northern Spirit (LIVE)  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
7pm - 9pm

National Soccer League  
Brisbane v Carlton  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 12)  
10.30pm - 12.30am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14  
German Bundesliga  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
10am - 12pm

Italian Serie A Highlights  
SBS TV  
10.30am - 11.30am

On The Ball  
SBS TV  
11.30am - 12.30pm

International Friendly  
Australia v Brazil (LIVE)  
Optus Vision (ESPN)  
3pm - 5pm

French Premier League  
Monaco v Marseille  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
4pm - 6pm

International Friendly  
Australia v Brazil (Repeat)  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
8.30pm - 10.30pm

English First Division  
Notts Forest v Huddersfield (LIVE)  
Optus Vision (C7 Sport 13)  
12am - 2am  
(Monday morning)

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 15

US Major League  
Playoff Final Game 3  
Optus Vision (ESPN)  
7pm - 9pm

English Premier League Highlights  
SBS TV  
7.30pm - 8.30pm

Spanish Soccer (Repeat)  
Fox Sports  
2am - 4am  
(Tuesday morning)





## UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## GROUP A

Bayer Leverkusen 0 Maribor Teatonic 0. Dynamo Kiev 0 Lazio 1 (Ramiz Mamedov 18og). Lazio and Dynamo Kiev qualify for next round. Bayer Leverkusen qualify for third round of UEFA Cup

## GROUP B

AIK Stockholm 2 (Andreas Andersson 41, 68) Arsenal 3 (Marc Overmars 17, 52, Davor Suker 56). Fiorentina 3 (Mauro Bressan 14, Abel Balbo 56, 69) Barcelona 3 (Luis Figo 20, Rivaldo 43, 74). Barcelona and Fiorentina qualify for next round. Arsenal qualify for UEFA Cup third round

## GROUP C

Boavista 1 (Pedro Emanuel 16) Borussia Dortmund 0. Feyenoord 1 (Somalia 85) Rosenborg 0. Rosenborg and Feyenoord qualify for the next round. Borussia Dortmund qualify for UEFA Cup third round.

## GROUP D

Manchester United 2 (Ole Gunnar Solskjaer 57, Roy Keane 69) Sturm Graz 1 (Ivica Vastic 88pen). Olympique Marseille 2 (Ibrahima Bakayoko 54, Kaba Diawara 89) Croatia Zagreb 2 (Edin Mujcin 42, Mihal Mikic 84). Manchester United and Marseille qualify for the next round. Sturm Graz qualify for the UEFA Cup third round.

## GROUP E

Olympiakos Piraeus 1 (Stelios Giannakopoulos 56) Porto 0. Molde 0 Real Madrid 1 (Christian Karembeu 43). Real Madrid and Porto qualify for the next round. Olympiakos qualify for UEFA Cup third round.

## GROUP F

Bayern Munich 1 (Thomas Strunz 33pen) Rangers 0. Valencia 1 (Claudio Lopez 70) PSV Eindhoven 0. Valencia and Bayern Munich qualify for the next round. Rangers qualify for UEFA Cup third round.

## GROUP G

Sparta Prague 5 (Vratislav Lokvenc 1, 66, Tomas Rosicky 11, Milan Fukal 49, Vladimir Labant 63pen) Spartak Moscow 2 (Viktor Bulatov 34, Artem Bezrodny 45). William II Tilburg 0 Girondins Bordeaux 0. Sparta Prague and Bordeaux qualify for the next round. Sparta Moscow qualify for UEFA Cup third round.

## GROUP H

Chelsea 2 (Didier Deschamps 11, Albert Ferrer 44) Hertha Berlin 0. Galatasaray 3 (Capone 27, Hakan Sukur 86, Umit Davala 90pen) AC Milan 2 (George Weah 20, Federico Giunti 51). Chelsea and Hertha Berlin qualify for the next round. Galatasaray qualify for UEFA Cup third round.

## UEFA CUP SECOND ROUND

Montpellier (France) 0 Deportivo Coruna (Spain) 2 Deportivo win 5-1 on aggregate. AS Roma (Italy) 1 IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 0 AS Roma win 3-0 on aggregate. Viking Stavanger (Norway) 2 Werder Bremen (Germany) 2 Aggregate 2-2. Werder Bremen win on away goals rule. Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 1 Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 0 Slavia Prague win 3-2 on aggregate. Lokomotiv Moscow (Russia) 0 Leeds United (England) 3 Leeds win 7-1 on aggregate. Helsingborg (Sweden) 1 Parma (Italy) 3 Parma win 4-1 on aggregate. Legia Warsaw (Poland) 1 Udinese (Italy) 1 Udinese win 2-1 on aggregate. Amica Wronki (Poland) 1 Atletico Madrid (Spain) 4 Atletico win 5-1 on aggregate. Vitesse Arnhem (Netherlands) 1 RC Lens (France) 1 Lens win 5-2 on aggregate. Nantes (France) 4 Inter Bratislava (Slovakia) 0 Nantes win 7-0 on aggregate. Panathinaikos (Greece) 1 Graz AK (Austria) 0 Aggregate 2-2. Panathinaikos win on away goals rule. Celtic (Scotland) 0 Olympique Lyon (France) 1 Olympique Lyon win 2-0 on aggregate. Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 0 Hapoel Haifa (Israel) 1 Ajax win 3-1 on aggregate. Kaiserslautern

(Germany) 2 Tottenham Hotspur 0 Kaiserslautern win 2-1 on aggregate. West Ham United (England) 0 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0. Steaua win 2-0 on aggregate. Newcastle United (England) 3 FC Zurich (Switzerland) 1 Newcastle win 5-2 on aggregate. Juventus (Italy) 1 Levski Sofia (Bulgaria) 1 Juventus win 4-2 on aggregate. Benfica (Portugal) 1 Paok Salonika (Greece) 2 Aggregate result 3-3 after extra time Benfica win 4-1 on penalties. Celta Vigo (Spain) 2 Aris Salonika (Greece) 0 Celta Vigo win 4-2 on aggregate. Mallorca (Spain) 3 Teplice (Czech Republic) 0 Mallorca win 5-1 on aggregate. AEK Athens (Greece) 1 MTK Budapest (Hungary) 0 Aggregate result: 2-2 AEK Athens win on away goals rule. Monaco (France) 2 Widzew Lodz (Poland) 0 Monaco win 3-1 on aggregate. Bologna (Italy) 3 Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 Bologna win 4-2 on aggregate. VfL Wolfsburg (Germany) 1 Roda JC Kerkrade (Netherlands) 0 Wolfsburg win 1-0 on aggregate.

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea 0 West Ham United 0, Newcastle United 1 Everton 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2 Arsenal, 1 Wimbledon 2 Leeds United 0, Aston Villa 0 Southampton 1, Bradford City 1 Coventry City 1, Liverpool 2 Derby County 0, Manchester United 2 Leicester City 0, Middlesbrough 1 Sunderland 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2 Watford 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Manchester United	14	9	3	2	33	19	30
2. Leeds United	14	9	2	3	26	18	29
3. Sunderland	14	8	4	2	24	12	28
4. Arsenal	14	8	2	4	21	14	26
5. Liverpool	14	7	3	4	18	12	24
6. Tottenham Hotspur	13	7	2	4	23	18	23
7. Leicester City	14	7	2	5	23	19	23
8. Middlesbrough	14	7	1	6	19	18	22
9. Chelsea	12	6	2	4	18	10	20
10. Everton	14	5	4	5	23	21	19
11. West Ham United	13	5	3	5	12	11	18
12. Aston Villa	14	5	3	6	13	16	18
13. Coventry City	14	4	5	5	21	16	17
14. Southampton	13	4	4	5	20	23	16
15. Wimbledon	14	3	7	4	21	27	16
16. Newcastle United	14	3	3	8	24	28	12
17. Bradford City	13	3	3	7	11	21	12
18. Derby County	14	3	3	8	13	24	12
19. Watford	14	3	1	10	10	24	10
20. Sheffield Wed	14	1	3	10	10	32	6

## LEADING SCORERS

13 - Kevin Phillips (Sunderland)  
12 - Alan Shearer (Newcastle United)  
11 - Andy Cole (Manchester United)  
9 - Michael Bridges (Leeds United)  
8 - Dwight Yorke (Manchester United), Dion Dublin (Aston Villa), Kevin Campbell (Everton), Steffen Iversen (Tottenham Hotspur)  
7 - Muzzy Izzet (Leicester City), Nwankwo Kanu (Arsenal), Marians Pahars (Southampton), John Hartson (Wimbledon).  
6 - Robbie Keane (Coventry City), Tony Cottee (Leicester City), Brian Deane (Middlesbrough)  
5 - Davor Suker (Arsenal), Paolo De Canio (West Ham United), Rory Delap (Derby County), Niall Quinn (Sunderland), Gary McAllister (Coventry City), Titi Camara (Liverpool).

## ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION

Portsmouth 2 Birmingham 2, QPR 1 Man City 1, Norwich 1 Nottm Forest 0, Stockport 2 Fulham 1, Huddersfield 4 Swindon 0, Tranmere 3 West Brom 0, Wolves 3 Grimsby 0, Charlton 2 Walsall 1, Barnsley 2 Sheff Utd 0, Bolton 2 C Palace 0, Blackburn 2 Ipswich 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Man City	17	11	3	3	26	11	36
2. Charlton	15	10	2	3	27	15	32
3. Huddersfield	17	9	4	4	33	19	31
4. Barnsley	16	9	1	6	30	25	28
5. Ipswich	16	8	3	5	31	22	27
6. Birmingham	17	7	6	4	27	19	27
7. Stockport	17	7	6	4	22	23	27
8. Fulham	15	6	7	2	18	11	25
9. QPR	16	6	7	3	24	18	25
10. Wolves	16	6	7	3	18	15	25

11. Bolton	16	6	5	5	24	18	23
12. Norwich	16	6	5	5	16	15	23
13. Portsmouth	16	5	5	6	23	27	20
14. Tranmere	17	5	4	8	23	27	19
15. Grimsby	16	5	4	7	15	23	18
16. Nottm Forest	16	4	6	6	20	18	18
17. West Brom	15	3	9	3	13	14	18
18. Blackburn	15	3	7	5	17	17	16
19. Sheff Utd	16	4	4	8	18	27	16
20. Port Vale	17	4	3	10	19	26	15
21. C Palace	16	3	5	8	20	30	14
22. Walsall	17	3	5	9	14	28	14
23. Crewe	16	3	4	9	15	27	13
24. Swindon	17	3	4	10	12	29	13

## ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Reading 1 Oxford 2, Blackpool 2 Wigan 2, Bournemouth 1 Cardiff 0, Bristol City 1 Cambridge 1, Bury 0 Stoke 0, Chesterfield 0 Oldham 1, Colchester 2 Preston 2, Luton 2 Burnley 1, Notts County 1 Gillingham 1, Scunthorpe 1 Millwall 4, Wrexham 0 Brentford Wycombe 1 Bristol 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Notts Co	16	10	3	3	24	13	33
2. Wigan	15	8	7	0	30	13	31
3. Preston	16	8	6	2	24	17	30
4. Burnley	16	8	5	3	23	11	29
5. Bristol R	16	8	5	3	18	11	29
6. Stoke	16	8	4	4	23	15	28
7. Brentford	15	7	6	2	23	14	27
8. Luton	16	8	3	5	22	17	27
9. Gillingham	16	7	5	4	27	20	26
10. Millwall	14	6	5	3	20	17	23
11. Bury	16	5	7	4	25	20	22
12. Wycombe	16	5	7	4	21	20	22
13. Bournemouth	15	6	4	5	19	18	22
14. Scunthorpe	16	5	4	7	15	22	19
15. Wrexham	16	4	4	8	17	30	16
16. Oldham	15	4	3	8	16	20	15
17. Bristol C	15	3	6	6	15	20	15
18. Oxford	16	4	3	9	16	22	15
19. Reading	15	4	3	8	21	28	15
20. Cardiff	16	2	7	7	16	23	13
21. Blackpool	16	2	6	8	17	30	12
22. Cambridge U	16	2	5	9	23	30	11
23. Chesterfield	15	2	5	8	10	17	11
24. Colchester	16	2	5	8	17	34	11

## ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Exeter 0 Southend 1, Chester 0 Plymouth 1, Cheltenham 3 Carlisle 1, York 0 Macclesfield 2, Torquay 1 Rochdale 0, Brighton 1 Hartlepool 0, Peterborough 4 Shrewsbury 1, Barnet 1 Darlington 0, Mansfield 5 Lincoln 2, Leyton Orient 0 Northampton 0, Hull City 0 Rotherham 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Peterborough	16	10	2	4	24	16	32
2. Barnet	16	9	4	3	22	16	31
3. Rotherham	16	9	3	4	25	10	30
4. Torquay	16	9	2	5	20	16	29
5. Darlington	16	8	4	4	18	11	28
6. Southend	16	8	3	5	23	20	27
7. Macclesfield	16	8	2	6	24	20	26
8. Plymouth	16	7	5	4	20	17	26
9. Brighton	16	7	4	5	23	14	25
10. Halifax	16	7	3	6	20	18	24
11. Northampton	16	7	3	6	13	11	24
12. Swansea	15	7	2	6	16	13	23
13. Hartlepool	16	7	1	8	21	17	22
14. Exeter	16	6	4	6	18	16	22
15. Lincoln	16	6	4	6	23	24	22
16. Rochdale	16	6	3	7	11	9	21
17. York	16	5	5	6	15	20	20
18. Mansfield	16	5	4	7	22	25	19
19. Hull City	16	4	5	7	12	16	17
20. Cheltenham	15	5	2	8	11	15	17
21. Carlisle	16	3	5	8	16	28	14
22. Shrewsbury	16	3	3	10	13	28	12
23. Chester	16	3	3	10	16	32	12
24. Leyton Orient	16	2	4	10	13	27	10

## SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Rangers 4 Celtic 2, Dundee United 3 Aberdeen 1, Hearts 1 Motherwell 1, Kilmarnock 0 Hibernian 2, St Johnstone 0 Dundee 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Rangers	11	10	1	0	34	10	31
2. Celtic	12	9	0	3	34	10	27
3. Dundee United	13	7	2	4	20	18	23

4. Hibernian	13	4	5	4	23	24	17
5. Motherwell	12	4	5	3	19	20	17
6. Hearts	11	4	4	3	18	15	16
7. Dundee	13	5	0	8	18	24	15
8. St Johnstone	13	3	3	7	13	19	12
9. Kilmarnock	13	2	4	7	12	20	10
10. Aberdeen	13	1	2	10	13	44	5

## LEADING SCORERS

12 - Mark Viduka (Celtic)  
9 - Michael Mols (Rangers), Billy Dodds (Dundee United)  
7 - Henrik Larsson (Celtic), Willie Falconer (Dundee), Nathan Lowndes (St Johnstone), Russell Latapy (Hibernian), Gary McSwegan (Hearts).  
6 - John Spencer (Motherwell), Eyal Berkovic (Celtic)  
5 - Jonatan Johansson (Rangers), Jorg Albertz (Rangers)  
4 - Claudio Reyna (Rangers), Lee McCulloch (Motherwell), Dirk Lehmann (Hibernian), Kenny Miller (Hibernian)  
3 - Stephane Adam (Hearts), Rod Wallace (Rangers), Robbie Winters (Aberdeen), Paul Bernard (Aberdeen), Franck Sauzee (Hibernian), Mark Burchill (Celtic), Colin Cameron (Hearts), Christophe Cocard (Kilmarnock), Eddie Annand (Dundee), Gabriel Amato (Rangers).

## SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Dunfermline 1 Raith 1, Inverness CT 2 Livingston 1, Greenock M 1 St Mirren 4, Ayr 0 Clydebank 0, Falkirk 2 Airdrie 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St Mirren	13	9	3	1	37	16	30
Dunfermline	13	5	7	1	22	14	22
Raith	13	6	4	3	26	21	22
Falkirk	13	6	3	4	21	20	21
Livingston	13	5	5	3	21	16	20
Inverness CT	13	4	4	5	17	18	16
Airdrie	13	4	4	5	11	20	16
Ayr	13	4	2	7	15	21	14
Greenock M	13	3	3	7	19	26	12
Clydebank	13	0	3	10	8	25	3

## SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Queen of Sth 0 Stranraer 5, Alloa 4 Stirling 4, Hamilton 0 Partick 0, Clyde 3 Ross County 1, Arbroath 0 Sten's semuir 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Arbroath	13	7	3	3	27	22	24
2. Sten's semuir	13	6	3	4	20	17	21
3. Alloa	13	5	6	2	17	15	21
4. Clyde	13	5	4	4	15	10	19
5. Stranraer	13	4	7	2	15	10	19
6. Ross County	13	5	4	4	13	11	19
7. Hamilton	13	4	4	5	14	17	16
8. Stirling	13	4	3	6	26	25	15
9. Partick	13	2	4	7	8	16	10
10. Queen of Sth	13	2	4	7	17	29	10

## SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE

East Fife 2 Cowdenbeath 3, Berwick 2 Forfar 2, Dumbarton 1 East Stirling 0, Albion 2 Queen's Park 4, Brechin 1 Montrose 0.

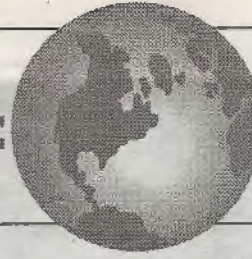
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Queen's Park	13	10	3	0	26	13	33
2. Forfar	13	6	5	2	23	12	23
3. East Fife	13	7	2	4	18	14	23
4. Cowdenbeath	13	6	4	3	21	13	22
5. Dumbarton	13	6	2	5	22	20	20
6. Berwick	13	5	4	4	19	14	19
7. Montrose	13	4	2	7	16	19	14
8. East Stirling	13	2	4	7	9	18	10
9. Brechin	13	2	3	8	9	24	9
10. Albion	13	0	5	8	9	25	5

## ITALIAN





Excludes Monday games



6 Inter Milan	9	4	2	3	13	9	14
7. Bologna	9	3	4	2	7	6	13
8. Perugia	9	4	1	4	12	13	13
9. Udinese	9	3	3	3	13	13	12
10. Torino	9	2	5	2	8	9	11
11. Lecce	9	3	2	4	6	11	11
12. Fiorentina	9	2	4	3	11	13	10
13. Bari	9	2	4	3	8	10	10
14. Reggina	9	2	3	4	11	16	9
15. Verona	9	2	2	5	5	15	8
16. Piacenza	9	1	3	5	6	11	6
17. Cagliari	9	0	5	4	8	16	5
18. Venezia	9	1	2	6	6	14	5

## LEADING SCORERS

7 - Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan)  
5 - Gabriel Batistuta (Fiorentina), Christian Vieri (Inter Milan), Marcelo Salas and Sebastian Veron (Lazio), Cristiano Lucarelli (Lecce), Hernan Crespo (Parma)  
4 - Oliver Bierhoff (AC Milan), George Weah (AC Milan), Roberto Muzzi (Udinese)  
3 - Duccio Innocenti (Bari), Giuseppe Signori (Bologna), Patrick Mboma (Cagliari), Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus), Ivan Zamorano (Inter Milan), Simone Inzaghi (Lazio), Alain Boghossian (Parma), Renato Olive (Perugia), Mohammed Kallon (Reggina), Vincenzo Montella (AS Roma), Francesco Totti (AS Roma), Marco Ferrante (Torino), Paolo Poggi (Udinese), Filippo Maniero (Venezia).

## SPANISH FIRST DIVISION

Barcelona 1 Malaga 2, Racing Santander 2 Espanyol 2, Celta Vigo 5 Real Betis 1, Real Sociedad 3 Valladolid 0, Atletico Madrid 2 Numancia 2, Sevilla 0 Athletic Bilbao 0, Oviedo 0 Deportivo Coruna 1, Real Zaragoza 2 Alaves 1, Mallorca 1 Valencia 0, Rayo Vallecano 2 Real Madrid 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Rayo Vallecano	11	7	1	3	16	12	22
2. Real Zaragoza	11	6	3	2	19	8	21
3. Deportivo Coruna	11	6	3	2	19	12	21
4. Celta Vigo	11	7	0	4	16	11	21
5. Barcelona	11	6	2	3	25	13	20
6. Racing Santander	11	4	4	3	20	18	16
7. Real Betis	11	5	1	5	10	18	16
8. Real Madrid	11	3	6	2	21	19	15
9. Espanyol	11	4	3	4	15	16	15
10. Mallorca	11	4	2	5	14	15	14
11. Atletico Madrid	11	4	2	5	16	18	14
12. Alaves	11	4	2	5	10	12	14
13. Athletic Bilbao	11	3	4	4	13	17	13
14. Numancia	11	3	4	4	13	19	13
15. Real Sociedad	11	3	3	5	15	17	12
16. Malaga	11	3	3	5	17	20	12
17. Oviedo	11	3	3	5	9	14	12
18. Valencia	11	3	2	6	13	13	11
19. Valladolid	11	3	2	6	10	17	11
20. Sevilla	11	1	6	4	11	13	9

## LEADING SCORERS

14 - Salva Ballesta (Racing Santander)  
12 - Savo Milosevic (Real Zaragoza)  
8 - Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Atletico Madrid)  
7 - Rivaldo (Barcelona), Dani Garcia (Barcelona), Catanha (Malaga)  
6 - Roy Makaay (Deportivo Coruna), Victor Fernandez (Valladolid), Raul Gonzalez (Real Madrid), Fernando Morientes (Real Madrid), Djalminha (Deportivo Coruna) 4 - Vassilis Tsartas (Sevilla), Miguel Angel Benitez (Espanyol) Luis Figo (Barcelona), Jordi Ferron (Rayo Vallecano), Valery Karpin (Celta Vigo), Diego Tristan (Mallorca)

## FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

Metz 0 Racing Lens 0, Olympique Lyon 3 Le Havre 0, Troyes 2 Montpellier 1, Nantes 3 AJ Auxerre 1, Monaco 1 Olympique Marseille 1, Paris St Germain 2 St Etienne 0, Girondins Bordeaux 1 Sedan 1, Racing Strasbourg 0 Nancy 2, Stade Rennes 0 Bastia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Olympique Lyon	14	8	3	3	18	10	27
2. AJ Auxerre	13	8	2	3	22	17	26
3. Monaco	13	7	3	3	28	13	24
4. Paris St Germain	14	7	3	4	21	17	24
5. Girondins Bordeaux	14	6	5	3	24	19	23
6. Olympique Marseille	14	5	6	3	20	14	21
7. Sedan	14	6	2	6	21	24	20

8. Metz	14	4	7	3	16	11	19
9. Stade Rennes	14	5	4	5	20	19	19
10. St Etienne	14	5	4	5	21	23	19
11. Bastia	14	4	6	4	20	18	18
12. Nancy	14	4	4	6	21	20	16
13. Racing Lens	14	4	4	6	9	15	16
14. Racing Strasbourg	14	4	4	6	14	23	16
15. Nantes	14	5	0	9	16	20	15
16. Troyes	14	5	0	9	12	23	15
17. Le Havre	14	3	4	7	14	24	13
18. Montpellier	14	3	3	8	16	23	12

## LEADING SCORERS

10 - David Trezeguet (Monaco), Sonny Anderson (Olympique Lyon)  
9 - Lilian Laslandes (Girondins Bordeaux), Marco Simone (Monaco), Stephane Guivarc'h (AJ Auxerre)  
8 - Alex (St Etienne)  
7 - Sylvain Wiltord (Bordeaux), Mikael Madar (Paris St Germain)  
6 - Tony Cascarino (Nancy), Fabrizio Ravanelli (Olympique Marseille), Shabani Nonda (Rennes).

## GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

Kaiserslautern 2 Schalke 04 1, Arminia Bielefeld 2 Werder Bremen 2, SSV Ulm 0 Bayern Munich 1, Borussia Dortmund 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1, TSV 1860 Munich 2 SpVgg Unterhaching 1, VfL Wolfsburg 0 VfB Stuttgart 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 4 Hertha Berlin 0 Hansa Rostock 3 Hamburg SV 3, SC Freiburg 3 MSV Duisburg 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Bayern Munich	11	7	2	2	19	9	23
2. Borussia Dortmund	11	6	3	2	16	8	21
3. Hamburger SV	11	5	5	1	23	13	20
4. Bayer Leverkusen	11	5	5	1	17	10	20
5. TSV 1860 Munich	11	5	3	3	18	12	18
6. Werder Bremen	11	4	4	3	24	15	16
7. Schalke 04	11	4	4	3	14	12	16
8. 1. FC Kaiserslautern	11	5	1	5	15	21	16
9. SC Freiburg	11	4	3	4	18	11	15
10. VfL Wolfsburg	11	4	3	4	14	21	15
11. VfB Stuttgart	11	4	2	5	10	13	14
12. Hansa Rostock	11	4	2	5	17	25	14
13. Hertha Berlin	11	2	6	3	14	20	12
14. Eintracht Frankfurt	11	3	2	6	15	16	11
15. SpVgg Unterhaching	11	3	2	6	10	14	11
16. Arminia Bielefeld	11	2	5	4	10	17	11
17. SSV Ulm	11	2	3	6	10	17	9
18. MSV Duisburg	11	0	5	6	9	19	5

## LEADING SCORERS

7 - Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen), Giovane Elber (Bayern Munich), Jonathan Akpoborie (VfL Wolfsburg)  
6 - Claudio Pizarro (Werder Bremen), Adel Sellimi (SC Freiburg), Marco Bode (Werder Bremen)  
5 - Bachirou Salou (Eintracht Frankfurt), Hans-Joerg Butt (Hamburg SV), Martin Max (TSV 1860 Munich)  
4 - Fredi Bobic (Borussia Dortmund), Rolf Guie-Mien (Eintracht Frankfurt), Roy Praeger (Hamburg SV), Olaf Marschall (Kaiserslautern), Magnus Arvidsson (Hansa Rostock), Ebbe Sand (Schalke 04), Youri Djorkaeff (Kaiserslautern), Marc Wilmots (Schalke 04).

## DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

Twente Enschede 3 Feyenoord 3, RKC Waalwijk 3 Cambuur Leeuwarden 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 3 Den Bosch 0, NEC Nijmegen 2 PSV Eindhoven 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1 Ajax Amsterdam 2, MVV Maastricht 3 AZ Alkmaar 4, Graafschap Doetinchem 0 Willem II Tilburg 2, Utrecht 2 Fortuna Sittard 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Ajax Amsterdam	12	9	2	1	40	17	29
2. PSV Eindhoven	11	9	1	1	46	10	28
3. Willem II Tilburg	11	8	1	2	23	19	25
4. Heerenveen	12	8	1	3	22	12	25
5. Roda JC Kerkrade	12	8	1	3	21	13	25
6. Vitesse Arnhem	11	6	3	2	21	15	21
7. Twente Enschede	12	5	6	1	20	14	21
8. RKC Waalwijk	12	6	2	4	21	23	20
9. Feyenoord	11	5	4	2	21	11	19
10. AZ Alkmaar	12	6	1	5	23	22	19
11. Utrecht	12	6	0	6	16	19	18
12. Sparta Rotterdam	12	3	0	9	19	31	9
13. MVV Maastricht	12	2	2	8	17	32	8
14. Doetinchem	12	1	4	7	9	17	7

15. Fortuna Sittard	12	2	1	9	13	23	7
16. NEC Nijmegen	12	2	1	9	16	31	7
17. Cambuur	12	1	3	8	10	26	6
18. Den Bosch	12	1	3	8	12	35	6

## LEADING SCORERS

19 - Ruud van Nistelrooy (PSV Eindhoven)  
13 - Pierre Van Hooijdonk (Vitesse Arnhem)  
9 - Richard Knopper (Ajax Amsterdam)  
Brian Laudrup (Ajax)  
8 - Luc Nilis (PSV), Mariano Bombarda (Willem II Tilburg), Barry van Galen (AZ Alkmaar)  
7 - Nikos Machlas (Ajax), Rick Hoogendorp (RKC Waalwijk), Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (Twente Enschede).

## BELGIAN FIRST DIVISION

Harelbeke 3 Verbroederen Geel 0, Ghent 1 Germinal Beerschot 3, Westerlo 3 Aalst 2, Mechelen 2 Anderlecht 5, Genk 1 Lokeren 1, Mouscron 0 Lommel 0, Beveren 1 Lierse 1, Standard Liege 2 Sint-Truiden 1, Charleroi 0 Club Bruges 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Anderlecht	11	9	2	0	35	16	29
2. Lierse	12	8	3	1	24	12	27
3. Ghent	12	8	0	4	36	21	24
4. Germinal Beerschot	12	7	2	3	24	18	23
5. Genk	12	6	5	1	30	15	23
6. Club Bruges	11	7	1	3	28	10	22
7. Mechelen	12	6	0	6	17	26	18
8. Westerlo	11	5	3	3	25	22	18
9. Aalst	12	5	2	5	23	19	17
10. Standard Liege	12	5	1	6	18	22	16
11. Charleroi	12	4	4	4	16	16	16
12. Excelsior Mouscron	12	4	3	5	21	19	15
13. Harelbeke	12	2	4	6	13	18	10
14. Sint-Truiden	12	2	2	8	14	31	8
15. Lokeren	12	1	5	6	13	24	8
16. Lommel	12	1	5	6	14	26	8
17. Verbroederen Geel	12	0	6	6	6	24	6
18. Beveren	11	0	4	7	11	29	4

## GREEK FIRST DIVISION

Ionikos Piraeus 1 AEK Athens 1, Kalamata 2 Proodeftiki Piraeus 0  
Iraklis Thessaloniki 2 Ethnikos Astir 0, Panionios Athens 2 Panachaiki Patras 1, Apollon Athens 0 Xanthi 0, Kavala 0 OFI Heraklion 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Panathinaikos	6	5	1	0	15	3	16
2. OFI Heraklion	7	5	1	1	13	8	16
3. Olympiakos	5	5	0	0	17	1	15
4. Aris Thessaloniki	6	4	2	0	12	4	14
5. Iraklis Thessaloniki	7	4	0	3	13	11	12
6. AEK Athens	6	3	2	1	13	10	11
7. Paniliakos Pyrgos	6	3	2	1	6	3	11
8. Xanthi	7	2	4	1	7	2	10
9. Ionikos Piraeus	7	2	4	1	7	6	10
10. Ethnikos Astir	7	3	0	4	7	10	9
11. PAOK Salonica	6	2	2	2	12	11	8
12. Panachaiki Patras	7	2	2	3	8	8	8
13. Kalamata	7	1	3	3	5	12	6
14. Panionios Athens	7	2	0	5	7	21	6
15. Kavala	7	1	1	5	3	11	4
16. Apollon Athens	7	0	3	4	3	7	3
17. Trikala	6	0	2	4	6	14	2
18. Proodeftiki	7	0	1	6	3	14	1

## PORTUGUESE FIRST DIVISION

Uniao Leiria 0 Rio Ave 0, Salgueiros 0 Alverca 2, Vitoria Setubal 0 Gil Vicente 1, Farense 1 Estrela Amadora 1, Sporting Lisbon 1 Campomaiorense 0, Vitoria Guimaraes 4 Belenenses 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Benfica	9	6	2	1	15	5	20
2. Porto	9	5	4	0	16	5	19
3. Sporting Lisbon	10	5	3	2	15	10	18
4. Vitoria Guimaraes	10	5	3	2	18	12	18
5. Maritimo	9	5	2	2	14	7	17
6. Gil Vicente	10	5	2	3	13	8	17
7. Alverca	10	5	2	3	13	12	17
8. Boavista	9	4	3	2	8	7	15
9. Belenenses	10	4	3	3	14	11	15
10. Estrela Amadora	10	2	6	2	11	12	12

11. Rio Ave	10	2	5	3	11	16	11
12. Santa Clara	9	2	4	3	13	14	10
13. Salgueiros	10	3	1	6	8	13	10
14. Campomaiorense	10	3	1	6	9	16	10
15. Farense	10	1	5	4	7	16	8
16. Uniao Leiria	10	1	4	5	8	12	7
17. Vitoria Setubal	10	1	3	6	10	18	6
18. Braga	9	1	1	7	9	18	4

## CROATIAN FIRST DIVISION

Istra 1 Osijek 1, Zagreb 0 Cibalia 0, Vukovar '91 0 Slaven Belupo 0, Sibenik 1 Hajduk 3, Rijeka 4 Hrv. Dragovoljac 2, Varteks 0 Croatia 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1. Croatia	12	9	3	0	35	6	30
2. Hajduk	13	9	3	1	31	13	30
3. Osijek	13	7	2	4	24	20	23
4. Rijeka	13	6	3	4	24	15	21
5. Slaven Belupo	13	3	7	3	13	17	16
6. Cibalia	12	3	6	3	14	13	15
7. Zagreb	13	3	6	4	14	16	15
8. Varteks	13	4	3	6	15	22	15
9. Vukovar 91	13	2	5	6	12	22	11
10. Istra	13	2	4	7	15	24	10
11. Sibenik	13	1	7	5	9	20	10
12. Hrv. Dragovoljac	13	1	5	7	15	33	8





# PERTH GLORY

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Back Row (L-R): Dion Vaile, Jamie Harnwell, Ivan Ergic, Alistair Edwards, Edgar Junior.  
Front Row (L-R): Rob Trajkovski, Scott Miller, Con Boutsianis, Tony Franken (capt), Troy Halpin, Bobby Despotovski.